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FATHER COUGHLIN'S ANSWER TO CRITICS

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Pope Benedict Warned Against A 'World State'

Here are his words: "The advent of a universal republic, which is longed for by all the world's worst elements of disorder, and confidently expected by them, is an idea which is now ripe for execution. From this republic, based on the principles of absolute equality of men and community of possessions, would be banished all national distinctions.

"Nor in it would the authority of the father over his children, or of the public power over the citizens, or of God over human society, any longer be acknowledged. If these ideas are put into practice, there will inevitably follow a reign of unheard-of torror."

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LITTLE SMEAR ECHO ★ MILTON MAYER AND THE JEWS ★ JUSTICE EVENTUALLY WINS

Dinner Chat

MR. RALPH INGERSOLL, who is reputed to have spent millions of his backers' money on an unsuccessful attempt to imitate SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine, has returned to his attack.

In *PM* for April 6th he says:

"No one can be neutral about SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . PM has completed its journalistic duty in assembling and presenting the case. Now we ask you *to render your opinion* to the Attorney General . . .

"By late last night, 25,000 Americans had roared their disapproval of the man Charles Coughlin and urged Attorney General Biddle — who in the meantime has cracked down on William Dudley Pelley—to do something about SOCIAL JUSTICE.

"The word *roar* is, of course, a figure of speech . . ."

We'll say it is.

IF SOCIAL JUSTICE had spent 10 pages on a smear campaign, and called for the nation's vote of confidence with a petition blank, and we had got only 25,000 responses, we'd hardly dignify it as a "roar." Quite to the contrary, we'd call it *a pretty feeble squeak*, and take it as an indication that we were slipping badly.

25,000 indeed! The very fact that Mr. Ingersoll waxes so hysterical with jubilation at this figure makes anyone familiar with his methods suspect whether the actual returns were anywhere near that figure. The fact, however, that 25,000 is such a "triumph" is pretty convincing evidence that *PM's* day is much further spent than we had suspected. Instead of being afternoon, it is nearer midnight.

In a short, plain word—New York City's newspaper nuisance is about washed up!

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The *PM* smear campaign, commented upon in these columns a week ago, is not at all complimentary to the Attorney General of the United States.

If SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine were guilty of seditious utterance, in any issue ever put out by this pro-Christian, pro-American National Weekly, it was the duty of officials to prosecute its responsible editors forthwith — regardless of whether 25,000 Communists, or 25 of them, or none, had petitioned the Attorney General's office for action.

Is Federal action against SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine to depend *upon the number of petitions* that Communists and Christians send to Mr. Biddle, pro and con?

Must readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE "defend" it by balancing these 25,000 Communist petitions with 250,000 Christian letters?

That seems to be Mr. Ingersoll's logic. That must be what they want. *Let's go!*

But, will SOCIAL JUSTICE be one whit more guilty, or one count less so, if there are 500,000 petitions either way?

Of course not. It is all just another Communist smear, and just as silly as the rest of them.

As a matter of simple fact, better newspaper work is being done for $50 a week, up and down New York's newspaper row, than is performed under the "freak tent" of PM with all of Mr. Marshall Field's million-dollar fanfare and ballyhoo. *PM* is simply another overpaid Communist sensation mill.

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One week after its earlier attack, the sheet printed 7 more pages of Goebbelsque invective against Father Coughlin and the magazine SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Let's take their page 3 as a sample: It is headed: *"Dept. of Justice Deluged With Ballots To Clamp Down on 'Social Justice'"* and is illustrated with a picture purporting to be that of William Dudley Pelley. We say "purported" because another picture is that of His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, although the caption under it reads: "The Rt. Rev. Edwin J. Hickey"!

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We searched the Official Catholic Directory only to discover that there is no such Catholic ecclesiastic in America.

But this typical inaccuracy is of a piece with the accompanying text matter, which consists of some more faked "interviews and letters" from purported readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

The fakery is so transparent as completely to defeat the editors' intention. Anyone who has read more than one copy of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine does not express such views, and the words used are simply not our readers' vocabulary.

On the other hand, the words and ideas are precisely those of Communists as we've known them for 50 years. They are exactly the words and ideas that a Communist smear snooper would use in faking an interview. Ingersoll's attempt to use the tactic a second week doesn't help a bit.

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John Spivak of *New Masses* had better look to his laurels; the ex-millionaire Ingersoll is fast qualifying for his job.

And speaking of Spivak, we see where *New Masses* is going to "expose" Father Coughlin all over again—this time, with the "inside lowdown" which "Church Superiors of Father Coughlin" are alleged to have given to Mr. John Spivak at Detroit.

We hope Spivak will quote these eminent Churchmen more accurately than he did this writer, in a crudely faked interview which Spivak did not have with us several years ago. We must tell the readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE all about that affront sometime.

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PM, the daily tabloid news magazine master-minded by Ingersoll and fronting for the Communists, is as we've said "washed up"; just as *NM*, supposed to have been an undercover Marxist appeal to intelligent readers, was washed up long ago.

The total circulation of all our professional critics — *PM, NM, Commonweal, Daily Worker*, and the Jewish papers—is not worth worrying much about.

Maybe those 25,000 petitions represent the present circulation of *PM* and, eventually, Mr. Ingersoll will be reporting 100 per cent response to his anti-Coughlin crusade.

Whether he does or not, the readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE will have to act. If this is to be a "trial by petition," we cannot afford to lose. We might as well make it 500,000 letters!

Write today to the Hon. Francis Biddle, Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

As *PM* says, "render your opinion to the Attorney General."

But, remember: be polite, be Christian, in your language.

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Liberty of conscience and education.

Just living annual wage.

Nationalization of important public resources.

Private ownership of all other property.

Control of private property for public good.

Abolition of Federal Reserve Banking System and establishment of a Government-owned Central Bank.

Restoration to Congress of its sole right to coin and regulate the value of money.

Cost of living maintained on an even keel.

Cost of production plus a fair profit for the farmer.

Labor's right to organize.

Recall of non-productive bonds.

Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.

Broadened base of taxation on basis of ownership and capacity to pay.

Simplification of Government and lower taxes.

Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war.

Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Six Years Ago

SOCIAL JUSTICE said in an editorial (April 24, 1936):

"When the French masses realize that the value of their money has been cut in two, nothing can repress the eruption of national riots, and upon the hapless government of M. Blum will be wreaked the responsibility for having demoralized the currency and destroyed half the nation's wealth." It was just another forecast, almost routine for SOCIAL JUSTICE, borne out by subsequent facts of history.

By popular demand that issue carried the text of Father Coughlin's historic broadcast of February 9, 1936 entitled: *"Who Are the Inflationists?"*

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale was quoted by the *Christian Advocate* as saying: "On the radio Father Coughlin has done more than anyone else to spread interest in and understanding of the money problem . . . I find him to be substantially on the right track with regard to the money question. On the solution of that question the future of our prosperity depends."

Typical headlines that week read:

"British Make Allies of Soviet and Turk When League of Nations Sanctions Fail — Backs Arming of Dardanelles; Upstart Anthony Eden, Fashion-Plate Diplomat, Creates Mess; U. S. Free of It."

"Hopes for Concord Fade as Wily Diplomats Spar — Divergence of British and French Interests Sunder League Unity; Jockey for Advantage."

"Industry Can Afford a Living Wage — Enormous Profits Show Leaders Are Well Able to Pay Every Worker $2,000 a Year."

"Red Hand of Moscow Seen in Student Peace Strikes."

Five Years Ago

THE money issue was "hot" in 1937. Five years ago this week it looked as if money reform might be achieved in Congress; but it was just another money battle almost won.

Headlines in the April 26th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE tell the story:

"Congress Opens Fire on Money Racket — All Parties Joining Battle to Take Over the Federal Reserve."

"Patman Bill Would Rescue Small Bankers From the System."

"Petitions Demand Congress Act to Effect Honest Money System — People Want Results Through Pending Bills."

"Congressmen Explain Vote on Extension of Federal Reserve Issue."

"Cost of Living Portent of National Peril."

"Communist Minority Pressure Controls French 'Popular Front' — Soviet Tactic Warning to America."

"Court's Decision on Debt Act Brightens Hope of Farmers—Get Debt Holiday for 3 Years."

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Comment

The Fall of Bataan

FOR A period of approximately four months the American-Filipino army of heroes stood opposed to the woefully underestimated and potent legions of Japan. After having written a most memorable page of history, our forces were overwhelmed April 8th.

What has become of the 36,000 American and Filipino heroes is not known at this writing. Probably many of them were forced to surrender; probably many others withdrew to the four fortresses on Manila Bay; probably many others, their souls having fled to God, looked down disconsolately upon the broken bodies they once inhabited.

Such is the story of war.

Such is the story of sacrifice.

It is with mingled feelings your commentator attempts to phrase his thoughts. The names of MacArthur and Wainwright clamor for recognition. The drone of airplanes and scream of bombs—drones and screams which should have been but were not—chant a sad requiem.

But this is no time to be overly retrospective, pensive and sentimental. This is the hour when every conscious American ponders upon the multimillion dollars' worth of munitions, ships, planes, bombs—and encouragement — sent by circuitous routes to Russia, England, Egypt, Libya, Greece, Crete, Malaya, Java, Australia and Burma—while only a mere pittance was sent to by-passed Bataan.

The material we sent to Russia may prove of some consequence — we hope it will.

The guns, tanks, planes and men we cargoed to Britain may turn the tide of battle —we hope they will.

The 11th-hour armament and men we transported to Australia may compensate for what Australia sent so generously and unhesitatingly to all parts of the British Empire.

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The outcome of the war in the Orient, following the events of the past week, is doubly unpredictable. Added to the heroic disaster which our troops experienced at Bataan, there is the gloomy sinking of major units of the British navy in the Bay of Bengal. These units included two first class British cruisers and an airplane carrier whose loss may turn a new page in history for India.

As for what happened in the Philippines, all we know is that, without whimpering or complaining, our boys in Bataan received nothing but congratulatory cablegrams while we generous-hearted Americans essayed to find ways and means to help save others while openly confessing our inability to save our own. An insufficiency of airplanes, munitions, food and medicine caused their defeat as much as did the onslaughts of the Japanese.

The fall of Bataan marks the first serious loss of American prestige in the Far East. Preceding this catastrophe, Britain's glory and grandeur were charred in the scorched earth policy at Hong Kong, Singapore and Burma, as was the Dutch Empire's might at Java. But the Orientals, despite this, never once questioned the ability of the United States to prove its might. *Only by a compensating victory can this psychological loss be repaired.*

Australasia, for all practical purposes, is the sole remaining symbol of the white man's empire in a hemisphere whose exploited sons and daughters, living north of that sub-continent, long since were taught to tremble at the mere mention of a mighty man-of-war.

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Though the war in the Orient has not been lost completely, it behooves us to admit that a damaging defeat has been suffered—so damaging that it cannot be measured by battalions of soldiers, fleets of seagoing battle-wagons, armadas of airplanes; so damaging that we Americans, to offset it, will be compelled to treble our present war efforts.

It is not the province of the laity in America to state why MacArthur and Wainwright were not given adequate aid. The business of the laity, like soldiers, is but to do and die. Nevertheless, questions will be asked:

"Where was our fleet—and the British fleet?"

"If the Japanese fleet could protect landing parties on the Philippines, were the combined fleets of the United Nations impotent to do likewise?"

"Where were our airplanes which might have been flown to an unoccupied portion of the Philippines?"

Probably the answers are obvious. First: The truth is that the combined available fleets of the United Nations were no match for the Japanese fleet because a battleship, unescorted adequately by planes and bombers, is nothing but a target.

Remember the *Repulse* and the *Prince of Wales* at the battle of Malaya. Remember the *Cornwall* and the *Dorsetshire* at the battle of Bengal Bay.

Second: Airplanes and bombers themselves are nothing but ornaments unless there is available for them a supply of gasoline and oil.

Gasoline and oil! Short months ago we Americans and our allies, the British, were shouting into the eardrums of civilization that the Axis powers would crumble from within for lack of these vital commodities. But today, the tables are, in one sense, turned. With the fall of Burma, there is not a single, first-class oil field left in the hands of the United Nations in the Far East. None in Australia; none in China; and only a dribble in India.

Thus, neither battleships nor bombers can be used in the Far East unless we convoy thither drums of oil and gasoline and fighting planes—fighting planes which cannot be flown more than 600 miles from their base of operation. And our last port of departure, as matters now stand, is from Honolulu — 6,000 miles distant from the base of combat.

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Official Washington was well aware of the obstacles blocking relief of our army on the Philippines.

Official Washington is fully aware of the difficulties entailed in winning back the Far East and thereby rebuilding for Britain and Holland their lost empires, and in regaining independence for the Philippines.

As matters now stand, the war in the Far East has been simplified. Four months ago it was possible for Japan to strike at more than a dozen United Nations' outposts. Four months ago the Nipponese field of attack extended south from Tokyo through the Philippines, through Indo-China, through Thailand, through Malaya, through Borneo, Java and Sumatra — thence to the north of Australia and north westward to India.

With the fall of Bataan and the immobilization of some thousands of wearied, wounded, un-attended American troops in the four fortresses on Manila Bay, the Nipponese field of operations is now limited to Australia, India and southern China. The simplification of this entire picture consists in the fact that it is now possible for the United Nations to take the offensive against all these fronts which formerly were listed as defensive fronts.

There still remain Australia, India and China against which the Japanese can take the offensive.

Australia, though mighty in spirit and determination, is impoverished in oil, airplanes and the mechanical sinews of war.

India lately has been the scene of Sir Stafford Cripps' monumental failure. Her 350-million nationals profess no love for Japan and less, perhaps, for Britain. What India will accomplish in behalf of the United Nations is very uncertain.

China, dependent upon the United Nations for oil, planes, munitions and money, is practically isolated. How long China will remain a dominant factor is also uncertain.

The above represents a somber, sober, sad picture, particularly when General Rommell's armies soon plan to pound at the gates of Cairo; and when Britain's politicians soon may be knocking at the door of 10 Downing Street—knocking to gain entrance if and when India, the jewel in the British imperial crown, falls.

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Comment

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Then there is the question of Soviet Russia. Day by day it is becoming more evident to all imperialisms, democracies and capitalistic states that Soviet Russia alone has waged successful war against the Axis powers—as far as news reports indicate.

Of this we know only from what we read in Moscow dispatches.

But granted that these dispatches are only half-truths, they represent more cause for rejoicing than all the miserable showings of the United Nations combined in the Orient, in Europe and in North Africa. According to some reports, the population of England is becoming most sympathetic with Soviet Russia and the tendency is to regard Josef Stalin as the outstanding hero in the ranks of the United Nations' leaders.

Of this we make mention on the occasion of Chief of Staff Marshall's important visit to London. With the Orient practically lost —for the time being—and with Australia under-equipped, will the United Nations determine to concentrate their efforts against Germany and Italy? By pincering the Nazi forces between the Soviet legions on the north and the British and American troops on the west and south, Hitler might be overwhelmed. At least, that is the only hope left to conquer him quickly.

But, if the United Nations succeed in such a project, Britain and the United States will not be the determining factors in pacifying Europe, for the Soviet Union will assert its might.

Time alone will prove this assertion.

At present this only do we know: Time is essential in the outcome of time's decisions. Should the Axis powers succeed in passing through Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan to form a union—perhaps in India—with the European and Asiatic forces, the whole problem of victory will become more complex for the United Nations.

This is particularly true, following India's determination to refrain from aiding Britain.

Meanwhile, there are 36,000 Americans either captured or immobilized at Bataan and the forts nearby. Meanwhile, the invincibility of Britain's fleet has become a fanciful myth. Meanwhile, Americans — still given to questionings, surmises and doubts — must amalgamate their fortunes and their lives to produce bigger and better efforts, else the heroes who served under MacArthur and Wainwright will have suffered in vain.

The 'MacArthur Cult' and 'Rev.' Birkhead

THE "Reverend" Leon M. Birkhead—immortally associated with Sally Rand, the fan dancer—is listed as the national director of the Friends of Democracy, Inc.

As many persons suspect, this euphonious name represents a group which, consciously or unconsciously, is charged with being the voice of B'nai B'rith.

The "Reverend" Birkhead, according to the *New York Times*, indicates that the subversives in America are formulating a "MacArthur cult." They are, so he says, the pro-Nazis, the anti-Semites, the Coughlinites and the former isolationists. The purpose behind this so-called subversive "MacArthur cult" is to create distrust in the Roosevelt Administration.

According to the *New York Times*:

> The "propaganda lines exploited by the Axis propagandists" were listed by Dr. Birkhead as follows:
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> "Anti-Semitism — 'This is a Jewish war'; anglophobia—'This is a war to save the British Empire'; Rooseveltphobia—'Roosevelt got us into this war'; isolationism—'Our country is big enough to be self-sufficient'; pacifism and a negotiated peace; distrust of democracy; undermining confidence in existing government; blocking aid to Russia; extreme nationalism—against all international co-operation; repeal lend-lease and keep our products for our own use; give up possessions outside our hemisphere—'They are only a liability'; bring our boys back and our ships, and keep them at home; 'Are we going to fight to keep the British yoke on India? — To make Europe safe for Communism?' and 'This is a war of imperialism'."

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Reviewing the above quotation, few persons deny there is anti-Semitism in the United States and no informed person is ignorant of the famous Samuel Untermeyer speech which announced the existence of a "sacred war" for the destruction of the German people.

As for the charge of "This-is-a-war-to-save-the-British-Empire," definitely it is not a war on our part to destroy the British Empire. Surely, Dr. Birkhead would not be guilty of attempting to defend such a negative thesis.

Relative to "Roosevelt-got-us-into-this-war," the late associate of Sally Rand would not attempt to fan-dance himself into blaming President Hoover or Colonel McCormick or Archbishop Beckman or Father Coughlin or Senator Vandenberg, all of whom reminded us in various ways that he who becomes an arsenal for one power becomes a target for another. Perhaps Dr. Birkhead is forgetful of what Vice President Wallace said at Omaha recently. This high-ranking official, though not guilty of membership in the "MacArthur cult," let it be known that economic warfare easily leads to military warfare.

Relative to the other items incorporated in the *Times* quotation, we Americans, while not distrusting democracy, certainly distrust the boondogglers, the experimenters, the Court packers, the congressional purgers, the bureaucrats and the muddlers who have brought shame upon democracy and worry to our Chief Executive.

In fact, we real Americans think it no crime to pray for peace. The sooner peace comes the better for all of us, unless the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity Who was crucified was a subversive when He prayed for peace.

As far as nationalism is concerned, SOCIAL JUSTICE gladly admits that it is nationalistic. In fact, we regard any person or group of persons who contemn nationalism as first cousins to Benedict Arnold and bedfellows with Karl Marx and his illegitimate offspring of internationalists.

Now that our 36,000 heroes have been overwhelmed on the Bataan Peninsula, we confess we do entertain some qualms of conscience about "lend-lease." We can't squander our wealth all over the world in losing campaigns and hope to save ourselves.

Finally, SOCIAL JUSTICE always has been opposed to Britain's holding a yoke on India.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. Birkhead and his group want the yoke still there.

Until the conclusion of the war, SOCIAL JUSTICE *will print each week an excerpt from the Bible, which may be used as a daily prayer. We urge our readers to recite it every day. Here is the first:*

PSALM LII

The fool said in his heart: There is no God.

They are corrupted, and become abominable in iniquities: there is none that doth good.

God looked down from heaven on the children of men: to see if there were any that did understand, or did seek God.

All have gone aside, they are become unprofitable together: there is none that doth good, no not one.

Shall not all the workers of iniquity know, who eat up my people as they eat bread?

They have not called upon God: there have they trembled for fear, where there was no fear.

For God hath scattered the bones of them that please men: they have been confounded, because God hath despised them.

Who will give out of Zion the salvation of Israel? When God shall bring back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

An April Fool No-Joke!

SOCIAL JUSTICE is in receipt of the following letter from the Hon. Jesse Jones, United States Secretary of Commerce in the Roosevelt Cabinet:

"On April 1, I sent the following telegram to some of the papers which subscribe to the *Washington Merry-Go-Round:*

"'There is no truth in the *Merry-Go-Round* story of April 1 about me. The subject was never mentioned between the President and me, and I am informed by Sidney Weinberg that he never at any time made any such statement to anyone as that accredited to him. Practically all references to me and to my work by those columnists over the years has been made for the purpose of injuring me, and where there has been any basis for reference to me, the facts are maliciously distorted through innuendo. This article is typical of their column.'

"I have been informed that you subscribe to this column and might be interested in my statement.

"Very truly yours,

"Jesse Jones."

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SOCIAL JUSTICE does not, as Mr. Jones has been misinformed, subscribe to the Pearson-Allen propaganda output known as the "Washington Merry-Go-Round," but we are happy to lend Mr. Jones the couple hundred thousand circulation of this magazine for his correction.

We know something of how Mr. Jones feels.

Father Coughlin's Reply To Slanderous Attacks

THE ARTICLE BELOW—"Father Coughlin Speaks"—was broadcast June 4, 1939—nearly three years ago.

We reprint it at this time because Father Coughlin—due to circumstances—can neither speak nor act in his own defense.

When we approached the Radio Priest for a statement in reply to the recent vile and slanderous attacks on his character and patriotism, he indicated that his statement of June 4, 1939, still stands as an ample refutation of such attacks.

Therefore, we undertake—on our own authority—to publish this broadcast, which was delivered under the supervision of Archbishop Mooney.

The broadcast follows:

It is with reluctance that I shall read the following letter. It is a sample of many hundreds which I received from Christian and religious Jewish friends. Because it is no longer advisable to under-estimate the comprehensiveness of the attack which certain groups are directing against me; because it is no longer prudent to conclude, against a world of evidence, that this is a sporadic effort to discredit me — because of these things, I shall read this letter and comment upon it.

The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Father Coughlin:

"I wonder if you are aware of the defamatory literature that is being circulated against you accusing you of being an anti-Semite, inaccurate in your information and responsible for the antagonism against the Jewish people which is manifesting itself on the streets of New York almost daily.

"I have been a faithful listener to your broadcasts and understand that you have tried to befriend the Jewish people by warning them of the hostility growing against them because of their failure to denounce and oppose Communism as they did the spread of Naziism. But every person is not a listener to your program and many of our people are being persuaded by this propaganda to believe that you are Enemy No. 1 of a race that has known nothing but persecution.

"Is there not some way in which you can combat this vicious attack against you so as to reach these people who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to get your views first-hand over the radio?

"J.B.S. of New York City."

This is a most timely letter and one which deserves a specific answer.

I am well aware of the vicious campaign being carried against me personally. Unfortunately its source is traceable to certain Jewish leaders and, in particular, to the General Jewish Council, the most representative organization of Jews in America.

Were my person the only target of this attack, I would disregard it. Since, however, the Christian American principles for which I necessarily stand are indirectly the main object of the vicious slander being spread throughout America and the world, I am constrained to make reply.

* * *

The summary of the Jewish editorial attack is this:

(1) I am an anti-Semite;

(2) I am a Nazi stooge;

(3) I am hostile to Americanism;

(4) I am an enemy of labor;

(5) I am a common prevaricator;

(6) I am a dispenser of manufactured facts;

(7) I am a breeder of class hatred;

(8) I am a sadist, which means that I am a sexual pervert.

Since last December, this defamation has characterized hundreds of news articles originating from Jewish pulpits and press-rooms and organizations. Prudence dictated for me a policy of watchful waiting—waiting to discover if the attack was nothing more than an emotion of passing anger or if it should prove to be a planned, relentless campaign.

Therefore, up to the present I chose to remain silent—and so have my friends . . .

When I began to broadcast several years ago, I enjoyed the distinction of being one of the first to carry a message of Christianity to "shut-ins." By "shut-ins" is meant, in radio parlance, persons who are ill, crippled, confined to their homes or institutions and denied the enjoyment of ordinary contact with their fellow citizens.

The letter which I have just read would indicate that there is a vast and constantly growing army of another variety of "shut-ins" in the United States — persons who, though physically alert, are mentally warped and crippled and institutionalized by false and vicious propaganda. Because of their subservience to subversive leaders, these mental and social "shut-ins" are denied the light of genuine truth and facts.

This variety of "shut-ins," my friends, is an infinitely greater national liability than those who are merely physically ill, for when a great portion of the mind of a nation is poisoned by false editorializing, by warped principles relative to nationalism and race, the limbs of that nation atrophy unto death.

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Why am I set up as the target of the most energetic onslaught ever launched by American Jewry against an individual? Is it because I have denounced Jews generally? No indeed! Not a single paragraph can be found in any radio speech ever delivered by me in which I have launched a sweeping denouncement of the Jewish people. I defy any critic upholding this charge to substantiate it from text and context of my writings or speeches. On the contrary, time and again have I distinguished between atheistic Jews and religious Jews, just as I have distinguished between atheistic Gentiles and religious Gentiles. Times without number have I asked religious Jews to join me and other forces of Christianity in combating Bolshevism. It is true I have named leading atheistic Jews who undeniably have fostered and promoted Bolshevism in Russia, Spain, Mexico and America; and I have named leading atheistic Gentiles who have done the same. This, the General Jewish Council has not seen fit to do. Moreover, while I have asserted without fear of contradiction that international finance is dominated by Jews, I also have pointed out that this same pernicious financial system has redounded to the misery of the masses of innocent Jews as well as to the Gentile peoples. This evil the General Jewish Council has not seen fit to criticize but has fostered, although it has been among the chief causes of Jewish persecution throughout the world.

An anti-Semite, generally speaking, is a person who hates and opposes Jews because they are Jews. An anti-Semite would never invite Jews to join him in any movement; yet I have issued such an invitation. An anti-Semite would condemn all Jewish activities. Yet I have singled out for condemnation only such Jews and Gentiles as are linked with international finance and Communism to the detriment of the world.

For the sake of emphasis, let me risk repetition. At no time have I ever raised my voice or lifted my pen against the Jewish people as a whole. I repeat that at all times I have pleaded for the co-operation of religious Jews to stem the red tide of Communism. Has the General Jewish Council seen fit to accept this invitation, especially when it was proven beyond dispute that the Loyalists in Spain were Communistic? This official body did not, although many individual Jews whose voices were smothered by raucous propaganda, gladly accepted this invitation.

At no time did I attribute the authorship of the Protocols of Zion to the Jews, although I pointed out that the plans disclosed in this document were not only being fulfilled in the events of the present day, but were being attributed, unfortunately, to the Jewish people as a result of their leaders' silence or support of world revolutionary policies and objectives which many Jews embraced and abetted in favor of international Communism with its world-wide revolution.

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When, either in speech or writing, have I advocated Naziism? It is true that I have regarded it and still regard it as a defence

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A War Slogan— 'Justice Eventually Wins'

WHEN one analyzes the history of the wars fought during the past four or five hundred years, he is prone to ask himself the question: "What did the common people get out of them?"

True, a few wars—like the American War of Independence—were advantageous to the common man. But the vast majority of bloody combats found the common man serving the subversive designs of powerful *cliques* endeavoring to maintain themselves in power or wrest the scepter from those already in power.

The first World War more or less high-lights the above observation. Though it was advertised as a war to make the world safe for democracy, it generated Lenin and Communism, Hitler and Naziism, Mussolini and Fascism.

From that war Britain emerged debilitated financially, socially and religiously. Generous-hearted America, following the Peace Treaty of Versailles, gained not one square foot of territory and won for herself a cross of imponderable debt and domestic upheaval.

Approximately 10-million breasts of the common men were bared to death-dealing bullets between the years 1914-18 to no avail.

Thus, it takes more than a slogan to win a war no matter by what euphonious name one christens a war.

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Not enough years have passed by to erase from our memories the truths expressed above. The common people of the nations engaged in the first World War, therefore, need to be assured that the present conflict is not a repetition of its forerunner.

No matter what happens, Americans today are of the same mind as our allies, the British, in that we do not want to superimpose an imperialism or an economic slavery on any nation, no matter how small it may be. The year 1942 has convinced the majority of Anglo-Saxon men and women and millions of others that this present conflict cannot be fought and terminated successfully except on the basis of justice for all.

Justice for every nation living in the family of mankind!

Justice which corresponds to the code set down by Almighty God in preference to any fictional justice concocted by a greedy, godless group of men!

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As yet, according to report, the English people have not been enlightened on the subject of war aims. Nor have the American people.

It is difficult for citizens to buy convictions as we buy material commodities. It is impossible for politicians to sell convictions, as sometimes they are wont to sell campaign appeals. Our convictions relative to this war must be born in our souls.

Therefore, before a victorious total war can be adopted by every pair of hands in these United States, it must be accepted as a just war by every soul within our nation; for spirit, more than material, is required to determine the outcome of this world-shaking conflict.

A spirit identified with God!

A spirit flowing from God's concept of righteousness!

A spirit accepted by Catholics, Protestants and Jews which will characterize our efforts by justice and charity, not by greed and revenge.

Every effort, then, should be made to sanctify the work of our hands lest we live to see re-verified the scriptural warning: *"Unless the Lord guardeth the state, in vain do they labor who would defend it."*

The above words were expressed by the inspired prophet, King David, many centuries ago. They are as true today as the day they were spoken.

In fine, America cannot be sloganized into an all-out, victorious effort, but America can be spiritualized into such.

That being the case, why does not every Government office open its day's work with a prayer of submission to Almighty God; a prayer acknowledging our total dependence on Him; a prayer consecrating our every thought, word and action to Him?

Why does not every factory, at the beginning of each shift, ask the workers of America to bow their heads and seriously whisper such a prayer?

Why does not every school board throughout the nation instruct the teachers in our educational institutions to begin the day with such a prayer?

If Almighty God does not win this war, His little children — the common people — will lose this war.

The United Nations cannot be sloganized into victory, we repeat. They can be spiritualized into one if, with a humble and contrite heart, they re-dedicate all their efforts for the purpose of realizing God's justice and charity for all mankind.

Justice Eventually Wins! And by that we mean God's justice — not man's.

Harry Hopkins Goes to London

ACCOMPANIED by Chief of Staff Marshall, President Roosevelt's alter ego—Harry Hopkins—flew to London, there to confer with Britain's top-flight strategists.

Presumably, Mr. Roosevelt appraises more clearly than any other American what has happened in the Far East since December 7th, 1941. Without serious opposition, the Japanese have overrun a territory of more than one million square miles and conquered or immobilized a population of over 200-million persons. As for the territorial gains, they represent some of the most precious acres on the face of the earth—acres enriched by oil, minerals, foodstuffs and salubrious climates. As for the populations, they can be generically classified as peoples who belong to the yellow race.

Of course, Mr. Hopkins' mission was and is known only to the esoteric group who enjoy the innermost confidences of the Chief Executive. Nevertheless, the exoteric citizens may conjecture on the occasion of the Hopkins pilgrimage to London.

First of all, Mr. Hopkins did not leave America before it was morally certain that Bataan was practically in the hands of the enemy. What, then, should be the war policy of the United Nations towards the Orient?

Should Britain and the United States prepare for an all-out assault against the Japanese in order to save Australia and India? Possibly that question was a paramount issue.

However, before the President's ambassador extraordinary was comfortably seated at 10 Downing Street to discuss such a question, the fate of war decided it for the conferees.

The *Cornwall* and *Dorsetshire*, together with one of Britain's mightiest airplane carriers, had been destroyed by Japanese bombers. As the loss of the *Repulse* and the *Prince of Wales* sealed the fate of the Malayan peninsula, keen observers estimated that the loss of the above-mentioned men-of-war sealed the fate of India.

Overshadowed by such gloomy news, probably the conferees determined to carry on. What was left for them to determine—as Moscow asked to be determined — except to strike at Hitler on Europe's western front — NOW?

If the events in the Orient were a determining factor in eliciting from Mr. Hopkins the pronouncement that we must strike at Germany now with the material at hand, this would indicate that the high strategists of the United Nations realize that victory or defeat is associated with the year 1942; for there can be no waiting for 1943, if we interpret Mr. Hopkins' news release clearly.

Once again, therefore, Belgium and the Netherlands may be the cockpit where will be fought out no pigmy Waterloo, but the most momentous military battle in the world's history.

If the United Nations' forces are victorious, civilization will build there a cloud-reaching monument to memorialize the defeat of Adolf Hitler.

If the Hitlerian forces are victorious on this battle ground, there may be — there will be — other battles before the war will have terminated.

Comment

Mr. Mayer, *The Post* And the Jews

IN THE more than 200 years of its existence (1728-1942) *The Saturday Evening Post*, founded by Benjamin Franklin, has not experienced such repercussions as were felt this last fortnight.

Scores of Jewish newspapers and periodicals launched an attack against America's most widely read weekly because the editors of the *Post* saw fit to publish an article entitled "The Case Against the Jew" by Milton Mayer, a gifted Jewish writer.

Mr. Mayer's March 28th contribution to the *Post* was replete with scintillating and provocative remarks which the reading public will find difficult to forget.

His literary contribution contained such sentences as:

(1) "In his unstinting effort to adjust, he had moved away from the 'kikes,' the noisy orthodox kikes' who, he assured himself, had always been responsible for all his troubles. Then he had moved into nice gentile neighborhoods, which somehow became nice Jewish neighborhoods. Then he tried to move away from himself.

(2) "He changed his name in New York and his nose in Los Angeles. He had himself baptized a Christian Scientist and his children Episcopalians. He 'reformed' his ancient ritual and then abandoned it altogether, just like the gentiles, for the movies, the rumba and the night clubs . . .

(3) "His rabbis delivered public lectures instead of sermons and lived like high priests instead of like prophets . . .

(4) "And he taught his children that the Jews were not a race, but a religion. But there was no religion, just like the gentiles . .

(5) "They resorted to every dodge known to fugitive criminals, from changing their names to changing their faces. And for all their trying, they were strangers in Egypt still . . .

(6) "Even if he changed his name from Schonburg to Belmont and nobody knew he was Jewish, *he* knew it. And he studied himself in the mirror, comparing his clothes, his manners, his words and his life with those of the gentiles, and asked himself, full of wonderment, 'Why am I still a Jew?' 'My friends,' said the great Rabbi Hirsch to his congregation, 'you can change your noses, but you cannot change your Moses' . . .

(7) "Otto Kahn met a hunchback in front of the Episcopalian Church on Fifth Avenue and said to the hunchback, 'I belong to that church.'

" 'I know,' said the hunchback.

"And Otto Kahn said, 'I'm very active in the church; I'm one of the vestrymen,' and the hunchback said, 'I know.'

"And Otto Kahn said, 'I used to be a Jew.' *'I know,' said the hunchback; 'I used to be a hunchback' . . ."*

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Because the *Saturday Evening Post* printed the Mayer article which was read by approximately 8-million persons, there is consternation in the ranks of the Jewish leaders who are unable to deny the truthfulness of Mr. Mayer's remarks and must content themselves, as usual, with aiming an attack at the author instead of the author's arguments.

The Mayer article is more than a composition of scintillating sentences. Its concluding portion is a burning noonday sun which penetrates the sham of present-day materialism as it makes clear the everlasting truth of righteousness.

In other words, Mr. Mayer tells the Jews that they can't assimilate or be assimilated; they can't conform or be conformed unless it is on the basis of spiritualities and religion.

Wrote Mr. Mayer:

"It is said that when the Jews were still Jews, they sustained themselves with the knowledge that though they had lost everything else they still had their God. How will the pagan Jew, the 'adjusted' Jew, sustain himself when he has lost everything else? He crowds into his lavish temples and cries out to the One God to save him, as his forefathers did twenty-six centuries ago. 'For they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say: Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? Let *them* arise, if they can save thee'."

The trouble with many Jews in America is that, though they claim they are religious, they are not religious any more than are millions of gentiles who have made materialism their god.

The trouble with many Jews in America is that too many of them persist in worshipping the golden calf or in letting themselves be influenced and led by those who worship it.

For having aped the godless gentiles, modern Jewry is miles distant from the ancient Jewry which was remarkable for its deep spiritual convictions, saintly leaders and supernatural life.

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The gentile pagans who knew not God in the past nor know Him in the present may have set a pattern for theocratic Jews to follow. And, in following it, they have traded their theocracy for a materialistic democracy and their souls for the flesh-pots of a modern Egypt. Indeed, paganized Jews too often become the leaders of a paganized world in which they are not welcome.

Christ Is the Only Sane Choice

ADDRESSING 5,000 Catholic educators attending the 39th annual convention of the National Catholic Education Association, Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago laid partial responsibility for the war to "the shallow philosophy of godless liberalism," according to the *Chicago Sun*.

"You are going to make a great contribution to our war effort," His Excellency told the educators, "in that you are going to make it clearer and clearer how, discarding political objectives, there is at hand a great cultural crisis in the world and how the only sane choice is Christ."

Inasmuch as Communists and leftist, anti-Christian Jews object to our reiteration of that same theme, perhaps the Archbishop can now expect to be charged with anti-Semitism.

As a result, as Mr. Mayer says: "The Jew is confronted at the last with this alternative—righteousness or death. If he chooses righteousness, he may still lose his life. As long as Egypt is Egypt, the Jew will be a stranger in Egypt and his life will be in jeopardy . . . But if his life is lost in the world that is Egypt—and it seems likely that it will be—his righteousness will still establish him in the same strange sense in which the old Jew was established in Warsaw."

Mr. Mayer continues: "If he wants to practice righteousness, I can tell him how. He can practice righteousness by doing justly, by loving mercy, and by walking humbly with his God."

No student of religion denies that Christianity is rooted in ancient Judaism. No student of history is forgetful that the Creator selected the Jews to be the torchbearers of the truth identified with Three Persons in One God—torchbearers in a world of darkness where the rest of the children of men stumbled into the ravines of error associated with paganism.

Therefore, not by aping the pagans will the Jews enjoy liberty or fulfill their destiny but by living in contrast to them will the offspring of Abraham save themselves.

SOCIAL JUSTICE casts no aspersions upon the political phenomenon of democracy. Nevertheless—and this is not said impertinently—we remind Jewry that democracy will not save them, that there is no salvation for its children unless they adhere to the theocratic pattern of worship which, like architects, their ancient prophets (inspired by God) blueprinted so precisely for them.

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In the course of the world's history there have been some Jews notable for leadership in the science of politics and economy. These, however, are negligible compared to the Jews who, in the personages of Moses, Jeremiah, Isaias and others were world leaders in the field of spiritualities. When these latter leaders were bartered for persons like Marx, Engels, Spinoza, Kant, Disraeli, Rothschild and Blum, the God of Abraham deserted the Jews because they deserted Him.

From time to time the minority of gentiles referred to as Christians find it necessary to take inventory of their achievements and shortcomings as they beat a retreat back to the pathways of righteousness. So should the Jews. If there was ever an occasion for Jewry to abandon its materialism, now is the acceptable day. Until there is a deep spiritual reawakening in the hearts of Jewish leaders, there will be perpetuated the story of Egypt in America and every other nation—a story which will chronicle the worst sufferings of God's once chosen people. Perchance the rich can flee—for a time. But the poor, innocent, misled little Jew will remain, as he always does, to bear the plagues of persecution.

The Jewish problem is not a Christian problem any more than the Christian problem is a Jewish problem. Definitely, the Jewish problem is a Jewish spiritual problem. Both Jews and we must turn to God in the full meaning of the word—not to a political or material god manufactured by hands but to the God Whose hands made us out of nothing.

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It is significant that the *Saturday Evening Post* article represents the emergence of the Jewish question from the limited sphere

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in which it has been held. Now the question has been brought into the open. No longer can the Jewish question be solved by shouting "anti-Semite" or "pro-Nazi." It is an open question which cannot be blinked nor chloroformed by propaganda. It is a spiritual question which seeks an answer not from Moscow, nor London, nor Washington, but from the neglected and forgotten sepulchres of the Holy Land.

Christians cannot solve the Jewish question. Politicians will not solve it, though they could. If the Jew wants to be saved, he must save himself, as Mr. Mayer remarks. He must save himself by first turning back to the God of his fathers and then by following his God and the ancient scriptures no matter where they lead.

Up to date, the Jews of America have attempted to solve the Jewish question by denouncing Father Coughlin, as Mr. Mayer intimates. Moreover, they have organized financially and in groups under such banners as the B'nai B'rith and the General Jewish Council to confound their critics. And what has been the result?

Have the Jews forgotten that there never was a time and never will be a time as long as this world is the world when they will not be criticized and assailed?

Have Jews failed to learn that they are so constituted that there is no peace for them unless they abide in God and live for God? A pagan, materialistic, godless Jew is the most pitiful failure in the social world.

Have the Jews forgotten that the more they organize materially against their opponents, the more assaults will increase and the closer they are to persecution? There is no security for Jews except in the bomb shelter of spirituality. Nor is there security for Christians who attempt to protect Jews as long as Jewish leaders refuse to turn back to their God. Both will be ground under the heel of gentiles.

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Incidentally, would it not be a strange event if the Jewish leaders of America arranged to meet in spiritual conference at the Shrine of the Little Flower to discuss with the priest whom they have persistently denounced, ways and means of preserving the light of religion in a world of tempests which is bent upon extinguishing the torch?

If the question were only one of anti-Semitism it would not be disquieting. It is more than that, however. It is a question of anti-Godism to which both Jews and gentiles — including some Christians — have contributed in no small degree—a question which is being solved in favor of the godless of all nations.

Meanwhile, instead of denouncing Mr. Mayer for his timely article which scouted the impracticability of Jewish assimilation with gentiles on the basis of a paganistic program, let all religious persons in America be humble enough to thank the gentleman and the *Saturday Evening Post* for the just chastisement which they were instrumental in administering.

"The Jew will be saved when he saves his own soul." He will not be saved by presenting himself to himself as the Messias. He will be lost as all of us will be lost by hiding under the sheep's clothing of religion and, at the same time, by living according to the false standards of a pagan world.

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mechanism against Communism. It is true —and this following statement is supported by incontestable facts — that many Jews were among those responsible for furthering Communism in Germany and bringing that country to such a despondent state that Naziism became a reality.

With every Christian and American I have gone on public record in speech and writing against Naziism with its persecution of religion and race.

Has the time come in America when one must be branded as a Nazi or a Fascist for opposing Communism, the breeder of Naziism and Fascism?

Is it no longer possible for one to be an American and a Christian if he militates against Bolshevism with its Lenins, Trotzkys, Bela Kuns, Stalins—Jews and Gentiles—who were responsible for murdering millions of Christians because they were Christians?

Why, then, is there this smoke screen of vicious attack against my person?

Must we conclude that the only reason for its existence is to shield from observation those who directly or indirectly support Communism both abroad and at home?

No Christian or American is an anti-Semite. But every Christian and every American is an anti-Communist as well as an anti-Nazi. And those who wear the badge of Catholicism, Methodism, Lutheranism or Judaeism and at the same time support directly or indirectly the cause of Communism which is opposed to our Americanism and Christianity, will not escape our opposition even though they seek sanctuary under the banner of their advertised race or religion and cry aloud that they are the objects of unjust attack.

The days of camouflage and smoke-screening are no more. These are days when alert Christians, Americans and religious Jews must publicly announce their belief in God; and must publicly foreswear allegiance to any nationality save that of Americanism. In these United States, there is room for freedom of conscience in matters of religion. But there is no room for the existence of any other nation save the American nationality within our shores. Surrender that principle and the foundations of our nation will crumble and dissolve.

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That I am a prevaricator, a peddler of racial prejudice, a sadist—these charges will be met fearlessly yet charitably in the forthcoming editions of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

But I ask you on this occasion:

Am I pilloried because Jewish periodicals such as *The Daily Worker, Equality, The New Masses, The American Mercury, The Americ̣an Hebrew* and a host of other publications regard me as a Catholic priest? An affirmative answer to this question is unthinkable. Religious Jews have lived in close co-operation with Christians throughout the centuries and today are found side by side in many movements making for national solidarity. In our land they are Jews by religion and Americans by nationality. No real American hyphenates his allegiance to any other nation be it real or imaginary. Atheistic Jews, however, do not oppose me simply because I am a Catholic priest, for my quarrel with them has never been on entirely spiritual ground. Atheistic Jews as well as atheistic Gentiles quarrel only in the realm of materialism, because they practice no religion; because they advocate internationalism; because they abominate our American nation. Therefore, this hypothesis that they oppose me because I am a Catholic priest is also out. They oppose me because, as a citizen and a Christian, I have participated in unveiling their revolutionary and unsound plans.

Why, then, should I be on the defensive against this highly organized irreligious Jewish onslaught? I am not on the defensive —I am on the offensive for God and country. I deeply regret that this must be, not because this conflict is insufferable to me, but because thoughtless people blame Jewry in general, when the multitude of religious Jews are innocent of the injudicious acts of irreligious Jews, of Communist-loving Jews.

I plead with all people to avoid mass condemnation; to distinguish between the guilty and innocent. I can only fear that the guilty forces are against me because I am holding out for American liberty, Christian social justice and the principles upon which this nation was founded.

These publications assailing me and masquerading under the title of Jewish publications are, therefore, unjust to Jews in general more than they are to me.

It is not my business to counsel the leaders of American Jewry how they should deal with the slanderous, Communistic literature which is peddled by certain elements which have forsaken the ancient religion of the Jews; certain elements which support the atheistic doctrines of Communism either by word or by silence. The General Jewish Council, representing the most important organization amongst Jews in America, knows how to handle that situation and also recognizes that by refusing to handle it, is daily inviting criticism and even animosity.

My only counsel is for Christian Americans to avoid the pitfalls of anti-Semitism, distinguishing always between the religious American Jews who are our fellow citizens and the Communistic Jews and Gentiles who are hostile both to religion and to our constituted form of government. Nothing will deter us from opposing these latter no matter what subterfuge they use to forestall our battling for the preservation of the principles which made this nation a great nation.

A Sermon by Father Coughlin

(Delivered June 24, 1939)

CHRISTIANS often have heard it remarked that they belong to the Church Militant — the fighting Church. Simple-minded souls are prone to think that their fighting is limited to the inordinate movements of passion—pride, lust and sloth. Perchance they forget that it is equally important to fight the world and the devil; that it is of paramount importance to consolidate their forces against the unchristian forces of the world; to oppose vigorously the very realistic powers and principalities of darkness who are the unseen rulers in high places.

The great St. Paul expressed this thought when he said: "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places." (Eph. VI; 12.)

My friends, some powers, some intelligences certainly are responsible for the planned misrule which characterizes our age — the misrule which finds expression so often in government with its opposition to Christ and His principles; the misrule which is responsible for the policies that generate poverty, oppression, hatred and war; the misrule which condemns the supernatural life established by Christ and which supports the theory that the sermon on the mount, the parable of the vineyard and the entire gospel of Christ should be ostracized from business, commerce, education, finance and government.

"It is not prudent for Christians to insist upon the practices of Christianity in their everyday lives," say some, "because it begets intolerance, stirs up animosities and is counter to the rights of minorities."

Not prudent! St. Paul calls this kind of prudence which banishes Christ and Christ's principles from government and public institutions as the "wisdom of the flesh" and the "death of the soul" because it is not subject to the law of God, neither can it be. (Romans viii; 7.)

Leo XIII characterized this as cowardice although some Christians regarded him as a radical for saying so; and although many more paid little heed to his pleas for reorganizing a strong, courageous Christian front.

Speaking particularly of Christian public servants such as governors, legislators, judges—public servants who, it seems, are more ambitious for personal political power and prestige than for the Kingdom of Christ —Leo XIII said: "As to those men who take part in public affairs, they should avoid with the very utmost care two criminal excesses: so-called prudence and false courage. Some there are, indeed, who maintain that it is not opportune boldly to attack evil-doing in its might and when it is in the ascendant, lest, as they say, opposition should exasperate minds already hostile. Such men make it a matter of guesswork as to whether they are for the Church or against her. On the one hand, they give themselves out as professing the Christian faith, and yet wish that the Church would allow certain opinions, at variance with her teaching, to be spread abroad with impunity."

Traceable to this criminal excess on the part of so-called Christian public officials—kings, presidents, congressmen, governors and judges—is the advance made by the rulers of the powers of darkness—at least in part. (Encyclical letter, "Sap. Christ.")

At a later date, Pius X, recognizing the steady growth in power and prestige of those who are hostile to the Christian social order even in countries where Communism had not yet been accepted as the scheme of life—at a later date this peerless Pontiff pleaded with the Christians throughout the world to set aside their apathy, their false prudence, their "wisdom of the flesh." The occasion of this plea was the beatification of Joan of Arc on December 13, 1908. She was the saint sent to remind the world of the supernatural political guidance of God and of the Christian organization of Europe which was the glory of the 13th Century. Referring to her heroism as contrasted with the timidity of so many Christians in our day, Pius X said: "In our time more than ever before, the chief strength of the wicked lies in the cowardice and weakness of good men . . . All the strength of Satan's reign is due to the easy-going weakness of Christians. Oh! If I might ask the Divine Redeemer, as the prophet Zachary did in spirit, 'What are these wounds in the midst of Thy hands?', the answer would not be doubtful: 'With these was I wounded in the house of them that loved Me. I was wounded by my friends, who did nothing to defend Me, and who, on every occasion, made themselves the accomplices of My adversaries'."

My friends, the enemies of Christianity are the world, the flesh and the devil—the world with its naturalistic philosophy that spurns supernaturalism; the flesh, with its allurements; and the devil with his false philosophy, his text book of lies and his retinue of defamers. With these there is no compromise.

"You are either with Me or against Me," advised Christ. Therefore, the spirit of Christianity, calumniated as it may be by the spirit of our opponents, bids us to arm ourselves with the sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God) and the shield of faith . . . "In all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one." (Eph. vi; 16.)

Leo XIII warned us—although few have heeded his warning—that ("Immo. Dei") "It is the day for all Christians worthy of the name . . . to endeavor to bring back all society to the pattern and form of Christianity."

There is much agitation in Christian circles about the advances which Communism is making in our midst. There is also diversity of opinion, it seems, whether or not Communism one day will gain control of our destinies in America.

My friends, learn this lesson thoroughly: Communism is only one manifestation of the power of the mystical body of Satan. Leave it to future generations to name its next manifestation—but be not deceived. If not Communism, then some other "ism" will succeed in overthrowing the last vestige of organized Christianity in our midst. To prevent this we must act now. Let us cast aside our indifference, our false tolerance, our criminal prudence, and organize thoroughly to re-establish the social order of Jesus Christ for the protection of our nation against the incursions of a diabolical philosophy of internationalism which is well organized amongst us.

The great St. Thomas is my authority for stating that "Our parents and our native land, by whom and in which we have been begotten and reared, are also principals of our existence and guidance. Accordingly, after God, a man is most indebted to his parents and his country."

Contrary to this is the new naturalism and internationalism which rejects both God and patriotism. Pope Benedict XV, after having condemned the naturalism which was rampant in his day, went on to say: "The advent of a universal republic, which is longed for by all the world's worst elements of disorder, and confidently expected by them, is an idea which is now ripe for execution. From this republic, based on the principles of absolute equality of men and community of possessions, would be banished all national distinctions. Nor in it would the authority of the father over his children, or of the public power over the citizens, or of God over human society, any longer be acknowledged. If these ideas are put into practice, there will inevitably follow a reign of unheard-of terror."

Shame on those men who refuse to join with Christians in repelling Communism as well as Naziism.

Shame on those public teachers who, in pulpit, on platform and in pamphlet, decry the existence of an organized international, malicious group of men—the members of the mystical body of Satan.

Shame on those apathetic Christians who, for the sake of financial gain, of social prominence and of fleeting fame, maintain that it is not prudent to oppose the hosts of anti-Christ and to join the ranks, cost what it may, of those who are defending the principles preached by our God and Master.

Do they remember the words spoken by Christ of old to the Pharisees? These leaders of the Jewish people, who had repudiated the supernatural social order of God, were endeavoring to obstruct the Messias because He made converts amongst the Jews. They boasted that they were descendants of Abraham. Despite their royal lineage, the Master branded them with the statement: "You are of your father, the devil, and the desires of your father you will do" (John vii; 44)—as if to say, "You are not of Abraham. You are not of God. You are the group whose descendants will continue to work against God."

Christian unification—a rebirth of Christian social action; a revived determination to break the bands of our lethargy and indifference—for these things I plead, as we rise from the tomb of our defeats to unfurl the flag of victory.

Social justice has specific principles. First, it is Christian. Second, it is social. Third, it is active. And fourth, it is militant.

There are qualifications for all who are prepared to surrender the heresy of naturalism and to defend the truth of the supernatural social order of Jesus Christ—an order that will not be tolerant with error; an order that will not be content with indifference; an order composed of members

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Comment

A Six-Year War Will Change Things

THREE YEARS ago when we were busied remodeling the *Neutrality Act* in order to "keep America out of war"—as officials said—few persons believed there would be a Pearl Harbor.

A month before Pearl Harbor few Americans doubted that, if war with Japan eventuated, the Japanese could survive more than six months—or a year, at most.

Only the initiated were positive that war was in the offing—because it was planned that way.

And only a handful of insiders—not necessarily Government officials—was convinced of the world-shaking social changes which were in store for the peace-loving Americans.

Now that we are at war and are compelled to fight it out on the simple basis of self-preservation, how many of us realize, even vaguely, the changes which will take place at home if the struggle lasts for six years?

Already, the automobile industry has been converted to wartime production. This means that private transportation will have disappeared, for all practical purposes, before the six years will have elapsed.

As much of a shock as this is to rubber-tired America, there are still greater shocks in the offing. Two years from today such trivialities as electric refrigerators, stoves and washing machines will be unavailable for most Americans.

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Now that the Japanese have gained control over the oil fields of the Far East, it will be necessary for America to ration fuel oil and gasoline on a nation-wide scale.

Even all this is more or less trivial compared to what will happen as the result of a prolonged war. In the field of medicine and surgery we may anticipate a rationing of professional services. In other words, socialized medicine is just around the corner.

It is quite possible that not only foodstuffs but drugs will be dispensed only to those who hold rationing cards with emphasis favoring war workers first.

Insofar as bombing of industrial centers is a likelihood large areas of homes may be destroyed in our already overcrowded industrial centers. This means that the planners, with true Washington foresight, soon will be taking inventory of all spare bedrooms and living quarters. In fact, the air warden survey already accomplished has listed the number of occupants resident in each home as well as the living space available therein against such a contingency.

Before a six year war will be terminated the large homes of the well-to-do will be occupied by factory workers should devastating bombings or even a lack of carpenters and bricklayers so point the way.

In the beauty parlor industry, for example, there are approximately 1-million ladies employed. Who knows but in four years from now these million will be giving hair-dos to cows and finger waves to corn as more and more men will be called from agricultural pursuits to take jobs in the first or secondary lines of defense.

Already preparations are being made in schools and colleges and seminaries to step up studies for an early graduation. This indicates that many of these institutions will be telescoped for the duration to supply brawn if not brain for the factories and armies.

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Meanwhile, little attention will be paid to the far-flung public utilities originally designed to serve the public. Military roads will be built while civilian roads will be rutted. Sewers and water service pipes will suffer from a lack of attention when maintenance for war effort has priority over civilian needs.

Already Europe and England are suffering from an all-out war effort. It is too optimistic to hope that America can avoid such suffering if the combat endures until 1948. Before that date we will begin to appreciate what total war entails.

As for politics, politicians and political elections, there will be no more time wasted on such democratic, peacetime affairs because the stringency of needs will compel Government to institute a military regime covering every section of national life.

Today it is laughable when one listens to debates on whether industry will receive six per cent or three per cent profits on capital investment. Industry will be fortunate to retain a pair of patched pants before the end is visible.

Of course there will be money—more money than we know what to do with as the war progresses. Within two years we will be faced with the problem of having more money than there are goods to purchase. Consequently, pay envelopes for the laborer and dividends for the industrialist will be doled out, in part, in war bonds of a non-negotiable nature.

Call this a form of state capitalism if you will or a form of Marxian socialism. It matters not. Your precious money will not be precious enough to purchase the rationing coupons which will be so distributed that none may cash them except the bearer to whom they were allotted.

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And will there be time for church? Certainly. Perhaps evening Mass will be restored for the Catholics. But there will be no moaning at the bar for Catholics, Protestants and Jews insofar as preachers will complain too bitterly against the things that are as they long for the things that used to be. And there will be no forthright organizations of religious social groups except insofar as these social groups will be the strong right arm and left foot of a totalitarian system directed by a central Government and held in line through the agency of rationing cards distributed to those who go along.

As long as Americans know that they are fighting a war to preserve the old way of life, minus its abuses, it is expected we will go along; for no sacrifice will be considered too great to preserve the rights and liberties enjoyed in this country prior to 1914, if, added to them, there will be instituted a policy of production for use plus profit for all; if, added to them, there will be instituted a spirit of class co-operation to replace the exploitive spirit of class domination.

For the past several generations we Americans went far afield from the original spiritual foundations without which the structure of society cannot stand. Gradually we became worshipers of the material. Gradually we began to translate happiness in the words, phrases and sentences of money, motors, mechanical conveniences, physical pleasure and materialities.

At last the great god of Mammon has run out on us. He has left us orphans. He is departing from our age and taking with him all the trappings and gadgets of the guardian angels who served us only to betray us.

Perhaps a deluge of blood will purify us as a deluge of water purified a generation in the era of Noah. Perhaps all this is a blessing in disguise. It will be if man learns the simple lesson of total dependence upon God and His total domination over us.

No matter what happens in the next six years to take away from us our fleshpots, golden calves and false golds, it will be worthwhile if we learn the lesson, as expressed in the First Comandment: "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me."

From having learned that first lesson from the First Commandment—the lesson the world has forgotten—it is possible for our children to rebuild a better world upon the ashes of the chaos we created.

Hard On the Ghosts!

WRITING from Washington, Miss Ruth Cowan, Associated Press correspondent, sent her newspapers the following account of the concert for Russian relief:

"A strange, almost unbelievable event, a bit hard on ghosts, took place tonight on the banks of the Potomac.

"The *Internationale*, the Soviet national anthem, was played in Constitution Hall, which is owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution who many times have denounced the Communist philosophy the rallying song commemorates.

"The occasion was the Boston Symphony concert for the benefit of the Russian war relief. The event was not sponsored by the D.A.R., which merely made its hall available.

"The list of patrons was headed by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the Vice President and Mrs. Wallace.

"There were important names and important wealth in the sell-out audience that came to hear Serge Koussevitzky conduct the 115-piece orchestra in a program all-Russian with but one exception, the *'Star Spangled Banner.'*

"The American national anthem opened the concert, and standing to hear were Mrs. Roosevelt and a party from the White House in Box 13.

"Directly across the house was the box reserved for the Russian ambassador, Maxim Litvinov and Mme. Litvinov. Their national anthem was played after that of the United States."

Comment

The 10-Point Program of the U.A.W.-C.I.O.

LAST WEEK delegates from the various divisions of the U.A.W. convened in Detroit to listen to a message from President Roosevelt who advised the automobile industrial laborers to waive their rights for Saturday, Sunday and holiday premium pay.

Although there was a deal of opposition to this new program before the reading of the President's message, it appeared to dissolve into thin air when Richard Frankensteen, appealing for the passage of the proposal, put a question to the delegates: "Are you going to tell the President of the United States to go to hell?"

Despite blaring headlines which advertised that the U.A.W. would not tell the President "to go to hell" and that the U.A.W., at long last, would make some sacrifice by foregoing contracts for premium pay, there were certain stipulations set down by the U.A.W. delegates upon the acceptance of which by the Government was contingent the U.A.W.'s resolve to carry through their program.

The U.A.W. declared that the successful defense of democracy demanded a program which included the following ten factors:

(1) An end to all war profiteering with a ceiling of 3 per cent on invested capital;

(2) No war millionaires and no family income above $25,000 a year;

(3) An immediate price-fixing on food, rent, clothing and other necessaries to stop rising costs;

(4) Rationing of all food, clothing, housing and other necessities;

(5) Adjustments of wages to meet increased living costs;

(6) Security for the dependents of men and women in the nation's armed services;

(7) A moratorium on debts for the unemployed as a result of converting industry from peacetime to wartime production;

(8) The creation of a labor-production division in the War Production Board to make possible labor's utmost creative contribution;

(9) Post-war planning to avoid a catastrophic depression after the war;

(10) That upon the acceptance of the nine foregoing factors, the union agrees that all wages for time over 40 hours a week should be paid in the form of non-negotiable defense bonds.

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The ten conditions upon which labor, as represented by the U.A.W., will relinquish premium pay for week-ends and holidays, constitutes one of the largest "ifs" in the social history of America. Many persons will approve the ten of them *in toto*; others will approve some of them; and still others will be inclined to ask if labor is more interested in winning America for labor or in winning the war.

SOCIAL JUSTICE reaffirms its belief that if it is necessary to conscript men to win a war, then there should follow the conscription of wealth. This general principle was set down years ago by the founder of this paper who foresaw the coming of a world war and knew that it would be caused by the abuses of capitalism, which abuses were contributing much towards generating a war.

It appears to us, at this juncture, that capitalism will not survive this war—a war which has adopted world-wide conscription of men. In fact—and this is not a probability—the only way to preserve the remnants of capitalism is to halt immediately World War II in its tracks.

We hold no brief for capitalism as it operated during the past fifty years. It was more remarkable for its abuses than for its virtues. Nor do we hold brief for the manifest abuses of C.I.O.-ism, though we support its virtues.

However, the war is here. And so is the C.I.O., speaking through the U.A.W. in demanding the virtual conscription of wealth.

C.I.O.-ism, infiltrated with non-Christian, pro-Marxian principles and leadership, may be nothing more than the left-wing of the same bird of prey of which modern capitalism was the right wing. What we hope to see is the purification of C.I.O.-ism.

There are few persons so innocent as to believe that all wartime legislation will be discarded following the cessation of hostilities. If family incomes are limited to $25,000 a year during these days of wartime prosperity, rest assured such restrictions will not be lifted in peacetime depression.

If rationing of all food, clothing, housing and other necessities will be legislated for the conduct of our social life in 1942, such legislation—totalitarian as it is—will remain on the statute books in 1952.

If a labor-production division is incorporated in the War Production Board, rest assured a labor-production division will be a permanent fixture in the Peace Production Board.

That Mr. Roosevelt will accept the ten-point program of the U.A.W. together with all its implications is not a foregone conclusion.

That Karl Marx may win a victory inside America while the nation is fighting for its self-preservation outside America is not quite so obvious to casual observers although it is a possibility from this moment onwards unless C.I.O.-ism is purified.

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As yet, Karl Marx's victory is not complete; nor is it final. Nevertheless, labor will have been vindicated temporarily the moment the White House places its official benediction upon the U.A.W. program. Just as surely as capitalism was enthroned, in bygone days, when soulless, monopolistic corporations were recognized as legal entities and when Congress handed over to private competitors the right to coin and regulate the value of money, so, in days to come, Marxianism may develop under our very eyes until the C.I.O.'s abuses are checked.

The soulless corporations of capitalism may be taken over piece-meal by the godless corporations of the Soviet under the guise of Government corporations. And Government corporations, in turn, may be taken over by labor unions under a regime of class domination in which the proletariat, or the laboring class, may have gained full control of this nation's activities.

Now that the war at home has been won temporarily — by the labor front, the war abroad can be pursued more efficiently. Will we witness in the months ahead a contest between the Marxist forces stemming from Moscow, Berlin, Tokyo and Detroit? Will we, who were told of the necessity of saving our way of life, adopt the tools and methods and sociological principles of our military foes whom circumstances forced us to battle?

Will American history regard Franklin D. Roosevelt as Russian history now regards Alexander Kerensky?

No matter what your opinions are on these questions, it is certain that the most important event since Pearl Harbor has been the U.A.W. meeting at Detroit last week and the consequences which will follow it almost immediately at Washington.

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What of the Christian social principles enunciated particularly by Leo XIII and Pius XI? *That some of their economic phases are expressed in the above ten-point program and other programs approved by labor is admitted;* for Pius XI specifically admitted that many socialistic proposals were in harmony with Christianity. Nevertheless, in the closing paragraphs of "Quadragesimo Anno," His late Holiness definitely pointed out that *unless Christian charity and justice motivated and regulated society, there would be no hope for a lasting solution of the vexed problems which plague the world.*

Naturally, there will be widespread opposition in press and pulpit to some of the activities which will result if we incorporate the ten-point labor program into our way of life. If labor abuses and proletarian excesses increase—as abuses and excesses increase in every human program — both press and pulpit will inveigh against them.

Admittedly the above comment is none too sanguine. Nor were our predictions prior to the World War very encouraging to those who persisted in leaning so heavily upon the broken reed of "It Can't Happen Here." Nevertheless, if labor leaders will insist that their unions will pursue the pattern of Christ's principles and avoid the pitfalls of Red and Brown Marxism, America may contribute a golden victory to an oppressed world.

Amazing Foresight

THERE are not likely to be any great war purchases in this country. England has determined, contrary to its position in the last war, that its first purchases will be made in its dominions . . . it has estimated that England has, including her dominions and including some credits in South America, over $10-billion available with which to purchase war materials and other necessary articles in this country to prosecute the war.

—Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, in October, 1939.

Comment

Little Smear Echo!

SCORES of home town newspapers throughout America which joined in the recent smear attack on SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine printed word for word the identical editorial handed to them already prepared by the pro-Communist anti-Christian smear-makers.

Worse than that, one after another of them deliberately wrote in a deceptive phrasing to mislead their trusting readers into a belief that the editorial was the "judgment" of the newspaper itself.

Don't take our word for it.

Look over these few samples:

Lead editorial in the *Erie (Pa.) Daily Times* (Friday, April 3):

"SOCIAL JUSTICE—a Mockery in Print.

"The time is now! The government must act against 'SOCIAL JUSTICE' the wholly unChristian and undemocratic child of Charles E. Coughlin.

"The judgment has not been quick or easy for *The Times* . . ."

Now let us look at an editorial in the *Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat* (April 4):

"Act Against 'Social Justice'!

"The time is now! The government must act against 'SOCIAL JUSTICE,' the wholly unChristian and undemocratic child of Charles E. Coughlin.

"The judgment has not been quick or easy for *The Democrat* . . ."

Well, whatdya know, great minds, they say!

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Now come with us up to Wisconsin. Racine is the town.

Lead editorial in *Racine Journal-Times* (Saturday, April 4):

"Time Has Come to Take Action
"Against Paper, 'Social Justice'

"The time is now! The government must act against 'SOCIAL JUSTICE,' the wholly unChristian and undemocratic child of Charles E. Coughlin.

"The judgment has not been quick or easy for the *Journal-Times* . . ."

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We know it's getting monotonous, but what do you think it's been for us? Just one more—

Leading editorial in *The Jeffersonian*, Cambridge, Ohio (April 3):

"Call For Action.

"The time for action is now! The government must act against 'SOCIAL JUSTICE,' the unChristian and undemocratic child of Charles E. Coughlin.

"The judgment has not been quick or easy for the American people . . ."

One notes that the editorial conscience of the *Jeffersonian* could not quite stick at the deception and so the responsible editors of this Ohio newspaper altered the Jewish smear hand-out to read: "The judgment has not been quick or easy *for the American people*" and refused to write in the name of their own paper.

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And so on in scores of other American newspapers—the great Fourth Estate, for whom the Constitutional guarantee of "freedom of the press" is so zealously fought for!

Not only was the "judgment not quick or easy" for these various newspapers—it wasn't judgment at all!

You need not bother looking up the owners and directors of these newspapers to prove that "the Jews do not own or control" your home town palladium.

One does not need to *own* a newspaper if he can get it to print his stuff, however libelous or inaccurate and, what's more, persuade the editor to label it as his own.

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The indictment here is not that so many editors are lazy and buy their opinions from a wealthy syndicate instead of writing them. But, in this case, it seems to us, the outrage lies in the downright deception of their own readers — in accepting a master-minded, ready-made smear and then accommodating the anti-Christian enemies of Social Justice by pretending the demand for the suppression of an editorial contemporary is their own idea!

These newspapers are supported by the local business men and merchants and sustained by the reader confidence of their fellow townsmen. An editor may be quite enterprising as he demands that an undermanned and underpaid staff work overtime to produce sports, society news and local, but he himself is a "push over" for "canned" editorials. There may be a depression in the syndicate market for comics, special features and signed columns, but the "canned" editorial as a substitute for brains still sells like proverbial hot cakes, come panic, depression or war.

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Did YOUR home town newspaper print the same editorial?

A movement that has to resort to this kind of deception is licked before it starts. A "reform" as rotten in motive and method as this master-minded anti-Christian smear against SOCIAL JUSTICE just will not work in America.

All the noise in all the newspapers in all those soundly patriotic towns throughout America was not a reflection of local judgment or local editorial opinion at all. It was simply just one editorial — and the same editorial.

Bear in mind, however, that some of your neighbors who still trust in your local editorial column, do not read SOCIAL JUSTICE. They will not know how they have been hoaxed until you tell them.

So you have your work cut out for you this week.

Find out if your local editor buys his editorial opinions ready made from some propaganda mill or writes them himself. Pass your copy of SOCIAL JUSTICE along to your deceived neighbor.

And, incidentally, you might call his attention to the subscription coupon on Page 2.

Jesuit Magazine Hits *PM* as Red

ONE of the outstanding Jesuit periodicals is *The Rock*—an Anglo-Saxon publication which originated at Hong Kong.

Recently *PM*, the Red New York publication, has been appealing to Catholics to collaborate with its editorial staff to assault Father Coughlin.

SOCIAL JUSTICE is capable of printing plenty about *PM* and the pink Catholics who co-operate with it. But lest we be charged with prejudice, we prefer to let our readers know what the Jesuit editorial staff of *The Rock* has to say.

Thus, in an article appearing in the September, 1941, issue of the *Catholic Digest*, there is a condensation from *The Rock* on *PM*, which reads as follows:

"The paper *PM* has taken a lead in this 'exploit China' campaign. Hardly a month seems to pass that we who live in China do not hear of a special correspondent who is likely to come or about to come, representing *PM*. Now it happens that *PM* is a paper that would not be wrongly described if the letters were said to stand for *Pro Marx*. It is a New York afternoon tabloid. Its pronounced Leftist bias has aroused a good deal of comment, and people have asked about those who were running it. The *Saturday Evening Post* gives some information about its staff:

" 'If the Government had investigated it would have found: Leon Goodelman, labor reporter, former leader in the Young Communists' League; James A. Wechsler, formerly of the *Nation*, who supported the Communist presidential ticket in 1936; David Ramsey, former Communist editor and ghost writer for Earl Browder; Tom O'Connor, former leader of the Communist faction in the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild; Harry Greenwald, youth editor of the League for Peace and Democracy; Julius Korchein, a former Russian government official, whose wife was an editor of the Moscow *Daily News;* Margaret Bourke-White, a devout fellow traveler; Elizabeth Hases, a leader in the Communist-inspired League of Women Shoppers; Richard O. Boyer, an undeviating fellow traveler; Marion Bachrach, a Stalinist; Leane Zugsmith, another Stalinist; William Gropper, cartoonist of the *Daily Worker* and the *New Masses;* Selwyn James, former member of the Marylebone section of the community party of Great Britain; Tom Davin, formerly of the *New Masses*, and one might name a dozen other notorious Communist Party members on the initial staff of *PM*'."

Last week we invited our readers to express their Christian views to the Attorney General on *PM*. It is debatable if there is another publication in America—including the *Daily Worker*—which boasts of as many pro-Marxists on its staff as does *PM*.

It is recognized in cultured circles that an attack by this daily against any person is a mark of distinction; and that praise from it is the kiss of death — be it a kiss bestowed upon cleric or layman.

In your letters to the Attorney General be brief, be Christian, and be cultured.

Comment

Martin Dies Nettles The Vice President

To Our national chagrin, Vice President Wallace has fallen into the argumentative error espoused by his Red admirers. We mean that, instead of meeting arguments with arguments, he contents himself with slandering the arguer.

In the case of Martin Dies, who exposed some of the Red riff-raff in and about Vice President Wallace's Board of Economic Warfare the Chairman of the House Committee was the object of a super-smear.

On this point the following editorial was contributed by the Hearst press:

"Vice President Wallace's sudden and uncalled-for attack on the patriotism of Chairman Martin Dies, of the committee investigating un-American activities, is not only outrageously absurd but is calculated to damage that very 'unity of purpose' for which we are all so earnestly striving.

"Chairman Dies in the normal and legal course of his work charged that 35 officials of the board of economic warfare, of which Vice President Wallace is chairman, had been affiliated with Communist-front organizations.

"The names of these men, their positions and salaries, together with red-hued organizations with which they were allegedly affiliated, were given.

"David S. Vaughn, one of the men named, immediately denied the charge for himself.

"Most of those mentioned, Mr. Dies said, however, had been connected with the discredited American League for Peace and Democracy, which dissolved after proof that it was Communist-dominated had been laid before Congress and the American people by Chairman Dies.

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"One of the officials of the board of economic warfare, Maurice Parmelee, is also charged by Mr. Dies with being the author of an allegedly 'indecent' nudist book that has been in the courts.

"That a nudist should be on the board of economic warfare is quite explainable when it is remembered that Mr. Wallace himself is a confessed student of astrology and an 'intuitionalist.'

"Just how a nudist can aid our 'economic warfare' will be as puzzling to most plain Americans as to how street dancers can ward off bombs from the air.

"In referring to Chairman Dies' exposure of the alleged Marxist radicals in the B.E.W., Vice President Wallace goes to the length of saying:

" 'As a matter of fact, the effect on our morale would be less damaging if Mr. Dies were on the Hitler payroll.'

"Seeing that the Dies committee and its work have been overwhelmingly indorsed and ordered continued again and again by the Congress of the United States and that the American people themselves have overwhelmingly indorsed its exposures of Reds and Nazis in the referendums in Gallup polls, this assertion by the vice president of the United States calls for an instant apology not only to Chairman Dies and his co-workers but to the American people, who stand almost solidly behind the work of this 100 per cent patriotic American congressional committee.

"The vice president also makes the statement that Mr. Dies 'seeks to inflame the public mind by a malicious distortion of facts which he did not want to check with me.'

"This recalls that Chairman Dies nearly a year ago gave the Attorney General a list of 1,124 Reds and 'fellow-travelers' employed—many of them in key positions—by the Government.

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"Nothing has been heard of this matter.

"Nothing has been done about it.

"What rankles in the vice president's astrological mind is that Chairman Dies was not taking any further chances of having his hard work pigeonholed. So he made it public.

"That is, he gave the names of the Communist-front organizations with which these B.E.W. officials had been allied to the American people.

"Now, if there is one thing that will cause a New Deal astrologer to froth at the mouth it is publicity that does not come from his own office.

"There is also a touch of ironical humor in the fact that Vice President Wallace should refer to Mr. Dies' work as 'the product of a witchcraft mind' when he (Mr. Wallace) himself dabbles in astrology, as we before remarked.

"The real 'underneath' of this vice presidential blast, however, lies probably in the attempt by the left-wing New Dealers to defeat the pending appropriation for the expenses of the Dies committee, the great work of which Congress has ordered to go on.

"Chairman Dies has asked for the resignation or dismissal of those employes of the B.E.W. who are or who have been members or 'fellow-travelers' of the subversive organizations he has named.

"They should be forced out, as Malcolm Cowley virtually was from the office of facts and figures after Chairman Dies' charges of Marxist affiliations.

"Vice President Wallace's statement that 'the current charges against some of our employes will be investigated at once by the F.B.I., shows that Chairman Dies has struck home."

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The gentlemen in charge of our national affairs are out of touch with the times in that they presume that the judgment of patriots will be affected by smear tactics. The smear brush is worn out. It is no longer efficient. Each time the New Deal painters employ it, they daub themselves with more smear than they succeed in painting upon their opponents.

We are sorry for Vice President Wallace. Some time ago the nation had hopes that he would prove to be a deluxe edition of the popular best-seller — Mr. Roosevelt. So many typographical errors are turning up in the character of the astrological-minded Vice President that the New Dealers are already searching for someone better fitted to carry the banner if and when Mr. Roosevelt retires.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer

There are some Washingtonians really afraid of the big, bad wolf—although they will not admit it.

As far as we can ascertain, no publication in America has been guilty of sedition in the sense that it has knowingly divulged valuable information to the enemy.

Many newspapers, however, have lashed out at inefficient Government officials because these leaders were responsible, if not for Pearl Harbors abroad, for Pearl Harbors at home.

The American people did not have to be sold a war. It was handed to them all wrapped up on a Wedgewood platter and delivered gratis at Pearl Harbor.

As the *Chicago Daily Tribune* remarks:

"The newspapers did not have to sell the war to the American people; Pearl Harbor did that. The newspapers cannot be blamed for any discontent that exists over the conduct of the war to date. The newspapers have had to report what has been happening across the Pacific and in doing so have not been guilty of any exaggeration. The newspapers did not invent the defeats at Pearl Harbor, Hongkong, Malaya, Singapore, Sumatra, and Java, nor the destruction of naval forces in the battle off Java. It would come much closer to the truth to charge the press with exaggerating the importance of such successes as we have enjoyed. Readers might justly complain that they had sometimes been told of triumphant battles only to discover a day or so later, if not on the same day, that the enemy had continued his advance."

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Meantime, the bureaucrats have reason to be afraid of the press. They fear not so much the exposes originating from forthright editors as they fear losing their permanency in office. Naturally, the bureacrats will burn precious midnight oil to devise methods for muzzling editorial expression even though they will find it necessary to amend the laws relative to sedition.

According to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Social Justice is still raising "uncharted hell" with this nation's most potent and effective ally, Soviet Russia. To return the compliment, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* is raising charted hell with the basics of Christianity by lending aid and comfort to Communism in all its ramifications. This it does by assailing those who want to keep America for Americans instead of handing it over to a refugee philosophical system.

Like other journals which did not grow poor as a result of British gold and Soviet trade, the *Plain Dealer* has been a New Dealer in its love for Britain above all things else, in its applause for Josef Stalin, in its silence for Moscow massacres and in its fear of the Red Riding Hoods in high places.

Comment

Blames War on The Money System

THE PRESENT monetary system is actively harmful to the State, creates poverty and unemployment, and is the root cause of war.

Is that more "sedition" and "un-Americanism"—or is it a statement of fact as seen by an authority on monetary affairs?

Well, take your choice; but first look to see who said it: Vincent C. Vickers, governor of the Bank of England from 1910 to 1919.

A few months before his death in 1939 Mr. Vickers, who also had been for 22 years a director of the Vickers-Armstrong armament firm, wrote an expose of the modern money system—in a book entitled *"Economic Tribulation."*

We are indebted to Representative Martin F. Smith of Washington for bringing this fact to the attention of the House of Representatives recently and quoting a few pertinent passages from the book.

Mr. Smith, who told his colleagues he has read most of the books dealing with money reform, described the Vickers work as "probably the clearest and most concise exposition of the evils of the world's present monetary system which has ever been written."

The Congressman pointed out that the statements made by the late former governor of the Bank of England apply with equal force to the present American money system and they express views which have long been held by the Congressman.

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Speaking of the monetary system Mr. Vickers wrote:

"It is actively harmful to the State, creating poverty and unemployment, and is the root cause of war.

"The experts have hopelessly failed.

"We need a complete change in the relationship between the supply of money and the supply of goods.

" 'Sound finance' means nothing at all, merely a banker's *slogan adopted to disguise the injustices of the credit system.*

"The system entails that there should exist at all times a demand for credit and currency which normally exceeds the supply, and prescribes that there should be no reform and no legislation which might deprive the money industry of the natural and interested advantage of its monopoly or of its existing policy.

"The exchange broker lives, not upon exchange, but upon movements and alterations of exchange.

"Mankind is capable of producing far more than mankind can produce.

"We are confronted with the undeniable fact that the chaotic state of the world's ability to produce, that the health and welfare of the individual, the happiness of the community, the contentment of the nation, and the *peace of the world, are mainly, if not entirely, a monetary problem.*

"The money supply and the management of the money system are almost entirely outside the control of the Government and are operated by an outside individual section of the community, working for profit, and possessing a virtual monopoly of lending credit to the community at high interest —a credit based on the community's own money—this indeed, being the only means, under the existing system, of distributing such credit as may be available, so that goods may continue to change hands and so that those in need of money can borrow the use of it provided they are credit-worthy borrowers. Above and beyond this, we discover that, in the progress of time and through our own base carelessness and ignorance, *we have permitted the money industry, by the very virtue of its business, gradually to attain a political and economic influence so wide and powerful that it has actually undermined the authority of the State and usurped the power of democratic government.*

"Unless we can contrive an improved financial system which is the first essential toward a new and better economy, no satisfactory outcome of the war is possible. Are we now fighting to uphold freedom and democracy, or are we fighting to uphold and strengthen the dictatorship of international finance? . . . The object and existence of money is to facilitate the exchange of goods and services. A sack of gold on a desert island is not worth as much as the sack that holds it; and to allow the supply of money to regulate the production and consumption of goods is as if we allowed strawberry baskets to regulate the supply of strawberries, and yet those who have developed the business of letting out strawberry baskets on hire now control the production and consumption of strawberries. *If an economist from Mars or a little child of ordinary intellect were told of the present position they would rock with laughter at the blind stupidity of mankind."*

Remember—that was not SOCIAL JUSTICE talking. That was a former governor of the Bank of England.

Stamina in Kentucky

DEFENDING its integrity as an American newspaper, the *Leader* of Lexington, Kentucky, has refused to be a party to a Federal press scheme to print anonymous Government copy to appear in its columns as if it were the newspaper's own opinion.

The Kentucky paper not only spurned this insult to the newspaper profession, but made its refusal the subject of an excellent editorial.

The thing that concerns us most in this regard just now, however, is how many newspapers went along with the proposal to fool American newspaper readers.

Here is the editorial:

Mr. Samuel Slotky, regional information consultant for the division of information of the Office of Emergency Management, has sent to the *Leader* and presumably to hundreds of other papers the first copy of a daily column, *"Your War,"* which is being written for the O.E.M. or, in other words, for the Government.

Says Mr. Slotky: "We will send this column to you by mail for a week. At the end of this time, will you please mail us your reaction, whether you care for same or not?"

Our reaction, Mr. Slotky, is unfavorable. Please cross us off the list as a non-co-operator, or whatever it is you call a newspaper that refuses to make itself a house organ for the Administration.

A house organ is what you would make us . . . moreover, concealing its identity and parading as an independent, for you have asked us not to carry a by-line on the column and you imply that we are not to reveal its origin or connection in other ways. You would, it seems, have us assume responsibility for what you want said. You would have us contribute to the appearance of nonpartisan, dispassionate fact and truth by not informing our readers that the column is Government inspired.

It is not, Mr. Slotky, that we have any especial criticism of the specimen column, or that we don't want to do everything that a newspaper honorably can to promote American military success. It is the principle, and the potentiality, that we object to. For a good many years now, the Government, or the Administration, has entered farther and farther into the propaganda business, and not always for indubitably great and holy causes, either.

That movement has disturbed a great many of us, for we saw in it a sort of incipient bureau of public information, after the Nazi pattern. We saw the possibility, even then being translated into fact, that Government propaganda would be directed toward the entrenchment of disputed policy and the perpetuation in office of elective officials—to the injury, of course, of informed opinion and of the free democratic way.

We will not risk being a party to the promotion of that tendency, Mr. Slotky, no matter how unbiased and accurate this one columnist may appear to be. We have our news services, whose aim is to give us the news, not to slant opinion. We have loyal, patriotic columnists willing enough to stand responsibility for their utterances. We shall try to struggle along with them. We shall try to remain a newspaper.

Vacations in Wartime

ONE of the first things the German army leaders did when their invading forces had defeated the French and driven the British back to England was to establish *rest areas* for their troops and for civilians in various parts of France.

Shortly after the Germans captured Poland, each soldier and officer of the invading army was given a furlough equal to the number of his days in battle. Little towns in Germany were notified that they would have as "guests" a certain number of soldiers — together with their wives and children.

Then, into these towns, mostly in the Black Forest or resort sections of the Austrian Alps, came streaming these soldiers from the battle of Poland. Vacations on furlough with their families were the "spoils" of this modern warfare.

"The idea of rewarding workers with vacations so that they may store up health and strength for more war efforts to come, is not a bad idea," says the *Boston Sunday Post.*

"It brings to mind that America cannot dispense with recreation and healthful practices during the war. It would be foolish to break down soldiers, or workers, and expect others to take their places.

"But," continues the editorial, "in a democracy there cannot be the same regimentation that there is in a totalitarian country. . . . America vacations, as it does everything else, through the will and whim of the individual.

"Defense workers will have their vacations this year, and soldiers and sailors will be given furloughs. The vacation industry should not be hampered by lack of transportation for there are still plenty of railroads and buses to carry huge vacation populations."

Instead of obstructing the war effort, therefore, it seems to us that reasonable vacation periods for workers, to relieve their nerve tension and restore their healthful enthusiasm, is the soundest efficiency. If Germany can use it for effective offense, certainly we can employ it for defense.

What Others Say

Who Is Guilty?

LET'S stop blaming Hitler, Japs, politics, the Jews, and Government for social evils. We are all guilty through lack of genuine Christian charity. The cure for our wounded world starts with each individual practising in detailed daily routine the spritual and corporal works of mercy. Our enemes admit we have the greatest religion on earth—*if we'd live up to it!*

—Rev. Hugh Calkins, O.S.M., in *Novenna Notes*

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National Unity

WHEN a Catholic, or a publisher or editor presumed to be Catholic, does take a position on a public question which differs or seems to differ from that of the authoritative spokesmen of the Church, there are certain publicists and publications which expect the Church to suppress him . . .

Such denunciations, including those which encourage such reaction, are no contribution to the cause of national unity. Invective directed against those whose point of view is different will accomplish nothing but disunity; it will harden the opinion of those who are its targets. Resort to it as a substitute for opposing argument by reason and logic is not advantageous.

—*The Catholic News* (April 4) (Archdiocese of New York)

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Disunity Over Browder

OUR alliance with Russia has nothing to do with this (the Browder) case. Browder, an American citizen, by breaking a law of the land on several occasions, a law which had no political implications, committed an offense which was just as grievous whether we were the friend or foe of Russia.

If there is an injustice involved in this case, it is the injustice of creating disunity on behalf of a man who wants to be a political martyr at a time when other Americans are dying to bring peace and concord to our land.

—The *Boston Post*

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People Not Complacent

THE people are boiling with indignation because their Government (Administration) at Washington continues to work at cross purposes, day after day dissipates its energy, is swamped in the maze of its own agencies and boards, and wastes the people's money. The people have no disposition to criticize the conduct of the war. They do not presume to question the strategy of the Navy or Army high command. They profess a willingness to go along. There is a growing opinion that the President should do likewise . . . The same goes for members of Congress and Cabinet officers.

—Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan

Honest Information

WE WILL increase morale in the nation when we decrease chaos in Washington. Instead of a lot of propaganda machines grinding out chaff and mental indigestion, we need an intelligent, unified channel, that the public can and will trust, which is primarily interested in seeing that the public gets the proper news speedily and accurately.

—Walter D. Fuller, president Curtis Publishing Co.

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The 'Inside' Danger

IT IS not helping to win the war to express admiration of the President's military strategy and remain silent as to the internal danger created by his domestic mismanagement—an inside danger second only to the danger from without and actually adding to it. Nor, as the *New York Times* points out, is it an answer to those who urge a change in certain governmental policies to accuse them of being Nazis or fools taken in by the Nazis. Or of hating Mr. Roosevelt, or the New Deal, or Mrs. Roosevelt, or labor, or the farmer, or the "liberals," or being "sixth columnists," or any of the other absurd allegations with which a certain type of New Dealer rushes to meet a criticism or refute a difference of opinion.

—Frank R. Kent in the *Baltimore Sun*

Liberty Is Not 'Automatic'

IN PLACE of that noble love of liberty and republican government which carried us triumphantly through the wars, an Anglican monarchial aristocratical party has sprung up, whose avowed object is to draw over us the substance, as they have already done the forms, of the British government. The main body of our citizens, however, remain true to their republican principles . . . It would give you a fever were I to name to you the apostates who have gone over to these heresies, men who were Samsons in the field and Solomons in the council, but who have had their heads shorn by the harlot England. In short, we are likely to preserve the liberty we have obtained only by unremitting labors and perils.

—Thomas Jefferson, April 24, 1796

Name Calling

THE familiar technique is to call your opponent a so-and-so. New Dealers call their opponents "Nazis" . . . Variations of this innuendo have come from some of the highest officials of the Administration. The use of the real war as a source of epithets is about the only way the real war figures in the local battles engaging civilian departments of the Government. Meanwhile, the Army and Navy go patiently and admirably ahead doing what they can to win the battles of Australia, the Philippines and elsewhere.

—Mark Sullivan in the *Washington Post*

Must Face the Issues

THERE may be Nazi sympathizers who take advantage of every domestic quarrel to foment friction. But to lean on that reed and ignore the friction by insisting that the merits must not be discussed, because the Nazis might hear about it, is to abandon the whole system of representative government and the exercise of the right of petition as guaranteed by the *Constitution* itself . . . Name calling does not answer arguments or take care of the needs of public debate.

—David Lawrence

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U. S. Can't Be 'Good Losers' in Any War

LOOK at the last years of broken-hearted Billy Mitchell. His was the vision of a separate air force comparable to the set-ups of the Army and Navy—of a three-department defense system of land, air and sea—with a Supreme Command over all. Admiral W. A. Moffett, father of naval aviation, had another version of the same vision—a dominant air arm, and gave his life for it.

Accused of selfish purposes, these men and others of lesser stature were indicted by the status-quoers. Yet they sought nothing but the creation of an American airpower which would whip any other airpower in the world. And, today, we are edging and inching toward the accomplishment of their vision.

In point-blank language, the truth of which you understand as well as I do, we Americans are not "good losers" and we are not going to be good losers no matter how we try.

—Major Al Williams

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A Red Subterfuge

WE DON'T like the idea of Madam Litvinov and Ambassador Maxim Litvinov running around over the country addressing a series of Red-sponsored rallies, under the guise of Russian relief. Our Congress has appropriated nearly $50-billion to be used by the President of the United States for foreign countries in the prosecution of this war. That should be enough to give them all the "relief" they need without conducting these propaganda rallies under the guise of relief.

—Gerald L. K. Smith

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A Word of 'Appreciation'

MILITANTS and exiles of the late Spanish Republic who are now in New York are so grateful for help to their cause from Jewish sources that they plan "emphatic reciprocation" upon their return to power in their fatherland; among these men, formed into a group whose initials spell "Acera," are former high officials of the Republican government which resisted the Franco-Hitler-Mussolini onslaught so valiantly.

—Mark Loudon in the *Jewish Examiner* (Mar. 20)

Letters

SOCIAL JUSTICE aims to make this page a free forum and readers' opinions are invited. Naturally the views expressed are not always those of this magazine. We cannot guarantee that contributions sent to SOCIAL JUSTICE can be returned to the writers. Letters not signed with the writer's name and address cannot be considered, although the name will not necessarily be used. We reserve the right to publish all letters received unless contrary instruction is specifically given.

Why Give Up?

TO THE EDITOR:

I implore you to quit publishing SOCIAL JUSTICE.

I believe Communism has made such progress in this country that I think it is a waste of time to try and stop it. I am a devout Catholic myself, but the priests in their sermons on Sunday do not mention anything about Communism.

I was surprised to read in the *Cleveland Press* that the pastor of *Lady of Lourdes Church* was on the committee for the Russian war relief.

If the Government retains key men of Communist leanings I do not think Communism can be so bad after all.

But I do think the Catholic priests and bishops should rally around your paper and defend Father Coughlin, otherwise Communism is definitely here to stay and it is foolish for them to say they wish to stamp it out.

—R.W.W.

Cleveland, Ohio

U.S.A. Is Right

TO THE EDITOR:

You recently said "We All Must Serve." As a Catholic I agree with you. I also agree with "Outspoken Reader" whose letter was published in the Jan. 30th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE, when he said that no Christian can support the war effort if the country is wrong.

However, I disagree with the rest of his letter. The burden of proof is not upon the country to prove its course is right, but upon him to prove it wrong.

I am afraid the gentleman leaned over backwards in his condemnation. I think that with very little effort he can list a few blessings that still exist in this good old U.S.A. and in no other place on earth.

Since he is fundamentally a Christian thinker, then let him be thoroughly Christian. Let him not forget that a Catholic is the greatest patriot in the world, since he has the highest possible motive for serving his country. He has the word of Christ Himself—*"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."*

Let our friend remember that when he serves his country he serves his God — unless he can positively convince himself that he would be serving an unjust cause. Our friends cannot expect SOCIAL JUSTICE or the Church to prove to him that the U.S.A. is wrong. Let him convince himself and he will do what is just. Policies and politicians may be wrong, but our Country is right!

Somerville, Mass. —J. Mac S.

A 'Sordid Affair'

TO THE EDITOR:

We need to be more alarmed at the progress being made by Communism in this country than about the progress of the Japanese. We can win against the Japs and still preserve America; but we cannot win against Communism—which is Soviet Russia—while our Government allows key positions to be held by agents of the U.S.S.R.

Representative Dies knew he could not expose Naziism unless he exposed Communism. I was in Washington during that "sordid affair." Chairman Dies had exposed 6,000 Communist-held key positions in Washington. Nothing was done about it and he took it to the people through the press.

A man whom I knew was employed at the Congressional Library. He gave me a newspaper, marking six names mentioned by Dies, saying, "Those fellows surely are Communists. They have tried to make a Communist out of me for the last two years." He showed me literature they had given him. I asked why he hadn't exposed them and he replied, "It would just mean one more job for the Communists; for they surely would get mine."

We agree with the President that there is certainly something "sordid" about that affair.

—E.L.B.

Detroit, Michigan.

Task Is Not Finished

TO THE EDITOR:

Informed Jews have told me personally that Jewish internationalists were responsible for Hitler's war and for the entire World War. This was long before your reprint of the Samuel Untermeyer radio appeal for a Jewish boycott against Germany.

These same Jews tell me that the plan following the war is to erase all religion. First to go must be the Pope! No rabbis, ministers or priests are to be allowed. Churches are to be used for other purposes than religious worship.

But—here is the "consolation" left for all God-loving, Christ-serving men: there will be a building for the purpose of prayer. Anyone wishing to pray may go in and do so.

These same "advanced" Jews tell me that this nicely blueprinted system of freedom and liberty will not be "Communism" but a fine new system worked out for our Republic.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, indeed, stands almost alone in its fight for the Republic of the U.S.A.: and almost alone in its fight for Christ. A glorious victory to your humble weekly!

Your brethren, the other Christian publications, have fallen completely victim to their fright. Expect no help or encouragement from the leadership of your own Church.

So, SOCIAL JUSTICE, you are almost as alone in this jeering crucifying mob of atheistic Communists and their dupe Gentiles as Christ carrying His cross long years ago.

Even Father Coughlin cannot accompany you with word or pen. He has been banished to his cell of silence long since for just this reason. So, carry on—for your work is not finished.

—M.A.C.

San Francisco, Calif.

One Who Fled Bolshevism Warns Mother America

TO THE EDITOR:

It is 20 years since Mother America opened her arms to me and my little son. After having lost everything and gone through the terrors of war, I fled Germany—not on account of starvation, not on account of politics in general, all these things could have been borne for we were used to hard time—*but on account of the outbreak of Communism!*

That system is unbearable.

No matter what name we choose — Marxism, Bolshevism, Communism — it is all the same terrible hoax. I cannot go into detail here today as to my own experiences as a teacher under Bolshevism, but I refer to the letter of that patriotic and courageous Austrian lady (R. R. of Elkhart, Indiana) in SOCIAL JUSTICE. (Mar. 23) repeating her words of warning.

As long as we stand united, those of us who understand what it's all about can warn the rest. Unfortunately, only a few people understand the terrible danger which threatens America and therefore, it is our Christian duty that we who have lived for years under Communism now stand boldly behind Father Coughlin and his principles and try to tell, carefully and intelligently of our own experience with Bolshevism.

I always feel that we foreign-born citizens have a double reason to do whatever we can to help and protect our Mother America. My knowledge of several languages enables me to explain to some people who do not read English readily what SOCIAL JUSTICE stands for.

My heart breaks at the thought that our Mother America should go through the ordeal of Bolshevism. All of us who fled this evil should once more be shaking with fear at the sound of those devilish voices who would try to force America under their whip.

Let us who know speak out bravely, again and again; let us never give up hope, and let us fervently pray for peace.

—S.R.

Elmsford, N. Y.

Must Truth Cease?

TO THE EDITOR:

Why not take heed when all around us are signs multiplying that the truth cannot always be told?

This morning's dailies report the first sedition prosecutions. Is this not a clear sign that truth is in danger? If you do not now come under the sedition law, the law will be broadened until it does include the things SOCIAL JUSTICE has to say.

If you continue with your foolhardy policy of telling the truth you surely will be silenced; and make no mistake, *there will be no pogrom on that account!*

So get wise to yourself and don't overdo it. Do not let certain of your zealous helpers mislead your fine paper into anti-Semitism.

Please continue to help us build *a better America* — not a worse one!

—R.B.

New York City

Readers Pro-America

TO THE EDITOR:

I can't figure out where your critics get the impression that the readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE are "pro-Axis." I have been reading SOCIAL JUSTICE for quite some time, and I'll bet that I am more American than any of the *PM* outfit, who are more pro-U.S.S.R. than they are pro-America.

SOCIAL JUSTICE must continue its battle against these Communistic elements who would undermine our Republic; and if it takes money to fight these Communist publications such as *PM*, I am sure that SOCIAL JUSTICE readers are ready to come to your aid, because we don't want any more leftists getting control of our Government.

PM also is publishing a form of petition to be sent into the Attorney General. Why not do the same in SOCIAL JUSTICE?

We certainly can storm the Attorney General's Office, if that's what they want, with our reasons why. SOCIAL JUSTICE should continue to publish the truth for us Christian Americans.

—A.S.

Baltimore, Maryland.

Atheist Admires Virtue

TO THE EDITOR:

I greatly admire the justice and courage of your magazine. Speaking the truth as you do is the highest type of courage. But to my fatalistic mode of thinking, your courage is one of your fatalistic characteristics.

You are unduly critical of atheists. Well, I am one. You will find the average atheist of at least as good a moral fibre as the average Catholic or other religionist. Basically, we are what we are because we were made that way.

I admire virtue, honesty, decency, goodness and other human virtues, and those who possess them, not because of any Godly mandate but because in themselves they are admirable.

—Atheist

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Letters

Let Friends Speak For Fr. Coughlin

TO THE EDITOR:

In attacking the Rev. Father Coughlin his critics are playing with dynamite.

The *Jewish Review* (Jan. 29, 1942) tried smearing Father Coughlin, and SOCIAL JUSTICE offered the Jewish editors $25,000 to prove their charge. Needless to say, the money was never collected.

Back in July, 1941, Westbrook Pegler tried a similar trick regarding "*An Answer to Father Coughlin's Critics.*" Mr. Pegler was offered $5,000 for proof, but after receiving a copy of the book, be it said to Pegler's credit, he "would not take money he could not earn."

Those who followed Father Coughlin's radio discourses, broadcast over 12 to 13 years, have seen matters come to pass as he pictured they would. Many clergymen have "pulled their punches," but not Father Coughlin; and his followers honor him for his courage to hold to the truth.

The hierarchy of the Catholic church are well aware of the love and devotion of Father Coughlin's followers and the reverence they hold for him.

Only a few years ago when certain churchmen tried to "gag" Father Coughlin's broadcasts, Father Coughlin's followers rose up in a body and besieged the Holy Father, Pius XI, with thousands of letters and telegrams. Those letters and telegrams passed through the hands of the present Pontiff who was then Papal Secretary of States.

Even the Gallup poll had to admit that Father Coughlin's radio hearers numbered 15-million per month. We know the Gallup poll did not exaggerate; if it dared, it would subtract!

The basilica of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak is a lasting monument to the devotion of millions of followers of Father Coughlin. These actions have spoken louder than words. And *action* of these devoted followers can speak again!

New York, N. Y. —Pro Veritas

If WABC Were Fair

TO THE EDITOR:

Last night over radio station WABC I heard a news commentator denounce SOCIAL JUSTICE and other periodicals that do not bow to the dictates of the Communistic element.

It seems to me that were station WABC instilled with the spirit of Christian fair play, it would provide ample time for both Father Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE, in order to afford them an opportunity to refute the base calumnies aimed at them.

It is said that the majority of Americans are too complacent. As far as Christians and their spiritual leadership is concerned it is sadly too true.

New York, N. Y. —J.A.C.

Need Fr. Coughlin To Restore Unity

TO THE EDITOR:

As we watch this new wave of vicious anti-Semitism engulf the nation—which needs unity instead of disunity in wartime—I cannot escape the conviction that now more than ever we need the unifying voice of the Radio Priest of Royal Oak.

His now historic radio address of November 20, 1938, was, if you will re-read it, an appeal for unity and co-operation between Jews of good will and Christians of good will to oppose all persecution, both against Jews and Christians. Not Father Coughlin, but enemies of ill will have divided the nation and shut him off the radio.

Even in that radio address, which so many critics have described as an "attack" on the Jews, Father Coughlin was most careful — as always — to separate the blameless from the guilty. More so, I'm sure, than any other commentator. For this reason I do not think that SOCIAL JUSTICE exaggerates when it refers to Father Coughlin as "the best friend the Jews of America have."

For their own sakes, it seems to me, the Jewish leaders should lose no time in insisting upon his return to the air and to the editorial control of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine. Much as we appreciate the good work being done by the Christian laymen who get out this publication, I'm sure they'd be the first to agree that the editorial policy could be guided with more Christian tolerance and a keener intellect if only Father Coughlin were free to be at the editorial helm.

If Jews are smart — and we're sure they are—they will demand that Father Coughlin take charge in this time of so much ill will and dissension. It needs a voice as powerful as his and a courage as bold, and real spiritual leadership, to take this storm in hand and save America from disunity and civil strife.

There are too many Jews and too many non-Jews for either to expect to dominate and control the other. There are too many, also, for one or the other to "get out of the country." A way must be found once again for Jew and Christian to live together in peace and harmony within America. This will not be achieved by the leadership now in charge of the situation.

Personally, I do not know of anyone who can do it better than Father Coughlin.

—P.K.

Winchester, Virginia

Reader Sees No Victory Under Socialist Leadership

TO THE EDITOR:

After much reading I am inclined to believe that once the world is Socialistic there will be no more wars. Wars, Socialist literature informs me, are caused by the capitalistic and nationalistic method of ruling the world's affairs. I've been led to believe that true Socialists are pacifists, working earnestly to abolish wars and *the causes of wars.*

We have disunity in the present war effort; and a very disunifying controversy is waging over the 40-hour week for labor. The capitalists want to run the war, as usual, in their own way. Socialists, on the other hand, new at the war game and very powerful at the moment, want this to be a "nice war" and run in their own way. They wish to carry on their regular Utopian experimentation right through this nice, bloody war, regardless of the outcome.

Capitalists and Socialists will not pull together—we are wasting time expecting the impossible. Successful wars are not conducted that way. Caesar never asked advice from labor, or anyone else, when he was conducting victorious wars.

In the meantime, our fine American boys are giving their lives while Socialism and Capitalism, with religion taking sides, wage their internal struggle over power and privileges which neither will give up for the duration.

I have three boys. I hate war and do not believe in war as a civilized means of solving international problems of the future. But we are in a war, and if my boys are called to the colors I want them fighting under a leadership that will end the war victoriously in the shortest possible time.

Labor for hundreds of years has been the loser in war. I was for every Roosevelt social reform in peacetime. But in my realistic view of the present situation I believe we shall have to turn the waging of the war over to either the Socialists entirely or to the Capitalists. I am forced to choose the Capitalistic method as more likely to win the war, or at least hasten the end of hostilities.

From a mother's viewpoint, in behalf of national unity and a speedier end of hostilities, I believe the Capitalists should be given free rein. Even Communists admit that their Stalin was "forced into" this awful war.

War is a purgatory to get out of as quickly as possible. Let us stop our Utopian experiments for the duration. Or, instead of "V" for victory it will be "V" for vanquished, and instead of either Socialism or Capitalism being ultimate victor, we will have only complete chaos.

War is the Devil's holiday; let's end it speedily.

—I.L.

Denver, Colorado.

Incendiary PM

TO THE EDITOR:

I happen to be a Protestant, a native Latvian, and a seaman who has spent 20 years on the high seas, away from the lowly shores where "money talks."

I have traveled a bit in my day. I've seen the world and I know worldly ways. The *PM* editorial denouncing Charles Coughlin I have read through several times and given it very careful thought. That editorial is libelous.

By writing the editorial Ralph Ingersoll has done the Rev. Father Coughlin a great wrong. He accuses a Catholic priest of being a "slanderous, foul-mouthed, dirty-minded Liar"; when he was only speaking the truth and fighting for justice. Father Coughlin had the courage to stand up and point an accusing finger at the Money Changers who started this war.

The war did not start over night, and was not the result of any violent *impulse.* It came as the result of a long conspiracy in the dark and behind the walls of massive buildings. It was planned before the first World War was even ended!

Long before Father Coughlin first published SOCIAL JUSTICE, at Maz Auce in Latvia in 1932, another pastor warned the Christian world. He published a book entitled, *"Pasaules Aizdezinataji"—"The World Incendiaries."* The author was A. Peterson, Ph.D. His book, written on good authority, has proved to be prophetic.

Ten years have passed. Today, what do we see? The world is aflame, having been set afire by incendiaries in the pay of the international cabal. Who are they? SOCIAL JUSTICE knows them all by name.

Is it because Father Coughlin dared to point an accusing finger that he must be "put away"?

Is it because Father Coughlin as a good Christian was against their war that the Money Changers are against him?

The evil editorial which was published in the Communist newspaper *PM* is evidence enough to convict not SOCIAL JUSTICE but the authors of the smear. It was a tin can full of crude oil thrown into the already big fire by Ralph Ingersoll, who, backed by millions, made a failure of his attempt to "imitate" SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine.

—R.J.P.

Bronx, New York

Report From Wisconsin

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a salesman. I travel in six counties in the state of Wisconsin. I enjoy reading SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine very much. I buy a copy each week — sometimes in Milwaukee, Sheboygan, or Green Bay.

I notice that if I wait till Monday there is a sell-out; so why not urge your agent in this territory to order a few more. I am sure that he could sell them.

I discuss your magazine with many of the people I call on. It is really surprising how many are for you 100 per cent!

—S.W.L.

Waukesha, Wis.

Comment

It All Depends On Who Says It

WE DON'T like to bring this subject up again so soon, having just discussed it last week; but the temptation overwhelms us.

If you have been reading the papers, particularly the Communist variety, you have observed that SOCIAL JUSTICE is "pro-Nazi." Among the shreds of "proof" offered to substantiate that charge is the fact that we have expressed doubts about Soviet Russia's winter victory over the Germans. And we have been so pessimistic as to suggest that maybe Mr. Stalin won't whip Mr. Hitler at all.

Coming from us, of course, such fact-facing is "defeatism" and "pro-Naziism." Coming from others it is just another case of expert, objective analysis. Bear with us and we'll show you what we mean.

Mr. Philip A. Adler, one of the war "experts" of the *Detroit News*, would be very properly incensed were anyone to intimate that he entertains pro-Nazi sympathies. For he is about as pro-Nazi as Josef Stalin; and, judging by some of his literary efforts, nearly as pro-Soviet as that exalted super-proletarian occupant of the Kremlin.

With that established we shall proceed to quote from one of Mr. Adler's recent articles dealing with the Soviet military situation and the advisability of the Allies attempting a land attack against Hitler from the West.

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In the following passages Mr. Adler says substantially what SOCIAL JUSTICE has been saying for some time. But when we said it, we were "pro-Nazi."

Writes Mr. Adler: "It is doubtful, however, whether Russia's vast wealth in Asia can counter-balance Germany's gains in the countries she has invaded. The repeated assertions of Hitler and Goering that they have consolidated their gains in the occupied areas are no empty boast. Despite her enormous losses, Germany is in a relatively better position to fight Russia this summer than she was a year ago.

"So much for the military strength. What of position? The Russo-German war is now on its tenth month. During the first half of this period Germany penetrated Russia to an average depth of about 500 miles. In the heroic Soviet counter-offensive, the Soviets regained but a small fraction of this area. The Russians have not dislodged Hitler from Smolensk, his general headquarters. The important strategic cities of Orel, Kursk, Kharkov, Taganrog and Sevastopol still are in Nazi hands.

"Hitler will begin his operations next month from a position some 450 miles closer to the oil of the Caucasus and to Russia's industries of the Donets and the Urals than he did in June, 1941. Russia today is relatively weaker than she was a year ago, and she is facing the possibility of a Japanese invasion to boot.

"This in a nutshell is the situation in Russia this spring. Headlines about the Soviets capturing 20, 50 or 100 villages there, or of routing a German regiment or a whole division there, do not convey the true impression of the Soviet military strength. Germany's retreat along the entire Russian front in the last five months does not exceed an average depth of about 50 miles. This certainly is not a rout.

"Russia's position today is precarious. And a Russian defeat this summer, before the United States mobilizes her entire strength and attains a maximum production of munitions, would be equivalent to an Allied defeat . . ."

Be careful, Mr. Adler, lest some of the more zealous "patriots" put you on their list of "traitors, defeatists and pro-Nazis."

Churchill On Communism

"COMMUNISM is not only a creed. It is a plan of campaign. A Communist is not only the holder of certain opinions; he is the pledged adept of a well-thought-out means of enforcing them. The anatomy of discontent and revolution has been studied in every phase and aspect, and a veritable drill book prepared in a scientific spirit for subverting all existing institutions. The method of enforcement is as much a part of the Communist faith as the doctrine itself . . .

"Every act of good will, of tolerance, of conciliation, of mercy, of magnanimity on the part of Governments or statesmen is to be utilized for their ruin. Then, when the time is ripe and the moment opportune, every form of lethal violence from mob revolt to private assassination must be used without stint or compunction.

"The citadel will be stormed under the banners of Liberty and Democracy; and once the apparatus of power is in the hands of the Brotherhood, all opposition, all contrary opinions must be extinguished by death. Democracy is but a tool to be used and afterwards broken; Liberty but a sentimental folly unworthy of the logician.

"The absolute rule of a self-chosen priesthood according to the dogmas it has learned by rote is to be imposed upon mankind without mitigation progressively forever. All this, set out in prosy textbooks, written also in blood in the history of several powerful nations, is the Communists' faith and purpose.

"To be forewarned should be to be forearmed!"

—**Hon. Winston S. Churchill, M.P.,**
in *"Great Contemporaries."*

One Who Should Know

SIR VICTOR SASSOON, manufacturer and banker with what the *Jewish Criterion* calls "huge interests in India and China," was the focus of newspaper stories when he arrived in New York recently.

"Said to be the third richest man in the world," the *Criterion* reports, "Sir Victor was asked if that were true. He laughed off the designation, saying he had never bothered to deny it, 'because it helped credit!'

"He added: 'If China goes, I'll be way down. If India goes, *I shall be around asking for a job!*

" 'Most people don't realize this is a revolution. There will be no more rich men. The power to make decisions on commerce and trade which heretofore *has been in the hands of a few* (!) will be spread out'."

It could hardly be stated plainer; and here it is, right from the—Sassoon's—mouth!

A Letter to Chaplains

IN A LETTER to all priests of the archdiocese who are serving as chaplains with the armed services of the United States, His Excellency the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque, recently addressed the following inspiring counsel:

"Tell them (the boys) from me I did all I could to save them from war, but now that we are in it I want them to measure up to their duty. Tell them from me that if they keep clean, keep in peace with their God, offer up their lives if necessary in obedience to the call of their country out of patriotic motive supernaturalized by religion, they can win a kind of martyr's crown."

To the chaplains His Excellency's letter added:

"When the boys come home, and should, perhaps, find the people disillusioned and disaffected at the price paid and to be paid; should false leaders arise and take advantage, and evil forces attempt to take hold in spite of all our efforts to keep control; then *you and your boys will have to save the day.*

"If you truly reflect Christ to them now, they will want nothing of anti-Christ then . . . You may take comfort out of the fact that I have allowed only the best of our young priests to apply for chaplain service in this war—priests I feel sure of—who can stand the test, and reflect credit upon the Church and the Archdiocese.

"Also you can be proud of Dubuque which, proportionately, sent more chaplains than any other diocese by far; sent them earlier; and will send more, no matter how badly we may need them at home. We are glad to double up at home to supply the need abroad. And only the best is good enough for the flower of our youth.

"I trust that no matter what your experiences, trials, hardships and temptations, God will keep you unharmed and you will return the nobler, the holier, the more tried and true for the test you have endured."

One War at a Time

WE ARE fighting two wars, comments Merle Thorpe, editor of the *Nation's Business* (April, 1942).

"We began 10 years ago a war against depression, which developed into a war to make America over. That war still continues, as we gird our resources against Germany, Italy and Japan.

"We enter the foreign war with a nation divided on the domestic front . . . To get unity on the foreign issue, we should submerge the issues of domestic war . . .

"Every citizen who is worthy of the name is behind our Commander-in-Chief in his foreign war effort," writes Editor Thorpe. "He has doubts and misgivings when he sees evidence that the President allows a group around him to use the war effort in extending New Deal policies with which he, as a good citizen, may have conscientious objections.

"We can lose the foreign war—and the domestic one, too — unless those citizens who are not too dumb to understand insist through their legislative agents, their Representatives in Congress, that a truce be declared in our domestic war, and that no group or individual gains advantage during the armistice.

"When Lincoln was urged by hot-heads in 1863 to accept England's challenge to war, he replied 'One war at a time!'

"That simple yet sane thought might well be our policy 80 years later—in 1942."

Comment

A Broadcast by Father Coughlin

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who, in the words of Leo XIII ("Longin. Oceani") are determined to cut off familiar intercourse not only with the openly wicked, but with those who hide their real character under the mask of universal tolerance, of respect for all religions, of the mania for reconciling the maxims of the gospel with those of the revolution, Christ with Belial, and the Church of God with the state without God."

In 1906, long before the Spanish Civil War broke out, Pius X addressed a letter to the Church of Spain, the contents of which are applicable to American Christians. On that occasion—thirty years before the revolution — he said: "All must remember that nobody has the right to remain indifferent, when religion or the public welfare are in danger. Those who strive to destroy religion and civil society aim above all at getting control, as far as possible, of the direction of public affairs and at having themselves elected legislators. It is therefore necessary that Christians should strive with all their might to avert that danger."

Therefore we Christians in America must not be indifferent to the choice of legislators or congressmen or executives who seek to control our nation.

My friends, social justice is primarily interested in the eternal salvation of the souls of men. We recognize, however, that it is most difficult for a man to save his immortal soul when he is unjustly denied the goods of this world. Therefore, social justice is likewise interested in the production and the just distribution of the goods of this world—not distribution which is measured out by the yardstick of scarcity, but a just distribution based upon our ability to produce—an ability which in America means plenty for all.

God gave us plenty—plenty of raw materials, plenty of splendid factories, plenty of fields and mines, plenty of skilled workmen.

If some policy—originating not with God but with man—hinders or hampers production and distribution, that policy must beat a retreat. Its beneficiaries must surrender; for God never intended or planned that a man-made economy should stand between His people and their just share in the goods of the nation where He placed them.

Social justice, I repeat, is vitally interested in this phase of our political and economic life because, through the private control and issuance of money, the members of the mystical body of Satan have imposed upon us through this financial power a tremendous handicap which places terrible obstacles in the way of those who are striving to live the life of a Christian.

The most brilliant philosopher of all times once said ("De Regi Princi. C. 1-c-15"), "Two things are necessary for a good life. The first is virtuous action . . . The second . . . is the sufficiency of material goods, the use of which is needed for virtuous action."

Priests are not interested in politics for the sake of politics. They are not associated with economics solely for the sake of economics. As St. Thomas, the prince of philosophers, from whom I have just quoted, implies: We are interested in these things only insofar as politics which rule economics and economics which rule the production and distribution of goods are associated with virtuous action.

It is true that, in one sense, a priest's place is in the pulpit. But it is likewise true that when these subjects to which I have referred are intimately concerned with the salvation of souls, their place likewise is in the pulpit.

Of these things I speak to you today—particularly to those of you who are timid, who fear being lashed by the tongues and propaganda of individuals and groups opposed to Christ and His teachings—to the end that you will put aside your false prudence and your childish fears.

The father of lies and his descendants will still proclaim through the press, over the radio and on the silver screen that you stir up the multitudes; that you incite the mobs; that you are no friend of Caesar's; that you consort with sinners. Such charges were leveled against Christ.

Is the servant better than the Master?

Are you reluctant to play your part in the Church Militant?

Do you believe that it is possible to acquire full personal sanctification for yourself and your brothers in Christ when you refrain from doing your share in establishing social sanctification in a world and in a nation whose policies too often are regulated by the ethics and laws which originate from the capital of the mystical body of Satan?

Christians, unite to win all men to the standard of the cross!

Take courage! Form your ranks in the Church Militant!

This America is Christ's America. His social order must prevail!

'Sedition' by the *Detroit Free Press*

THE April 6th edition of the *Detroit Free Press* ran the risk of publishing a seditious article. That is, if one is prepared to define sedition according to the prejudiced thinking of those who are aiming to keep out of print anything critical of the New Deal Government.

In his "Good Morning" column Malcolm Bingay wrote, in part:

"There is a sense of utter unreality among the people because there has been no leadership, no knight in shining armor to call unto them from the depths of his soul that his passionate plea will find echo in their hearts.

"There has been no flaming evangel among us.

"Instead we have incompetence tempered with wisecracks. The leadership of the Nation has had to go back to the people themselves. They are as an army without a general and making themselves articulate only by spontaneous outbursts. It was the people who forced, after 18 long months of delay, the appointment of a War Production Board with some semblance of responsibility. It was the people whose scorn chased the oily haired movie stars and fan dancers off the Civilian defense payroll. It was the people who forced the rescinding of the congressional pension grab after the President had blessed it with his signature.

"Make no mistake! The confusion stems from Washington, not from the hearts of the people.

"They look for action and all they get is alibis and arguments. They take this war far more seriously than does the Administration. No, there is no enthusiasm! Just grim determination.

"Can Americans go to their deaths singing of things beyond life when before us is the sour puss of that hatchet man of all others' reputations, Harold Ickes? Or the grossly incompetent Frances Perkins handling labor problems? Or the world weary and ancient honorable artillery: Stimson in charge of the war and Hull in charge of State? Or can we thrill to our Navy on the inept mouthings of the Honorable Frank Knox? Hardly! Can we thrill in unison in the realization that a desperately sick social worker, Harry Hopkins, is the guiding force of our whole war effort?

"The answer is, we are marking time. We wait for leadership."

A Practicing (?) Catholic

WHEN America's "ace foreign correspondent," Quentin Reynolds, a Catholic, spoke at the Freedom House dinner, March 19th, according to the New York paper *PM*, he devoted his remarks to "Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE" in part as follows:

"If I omit the title 'Father,' it is because I, *as a practicing Catholic*, have too much reverence for that title to bestow it on anyone so unChristianlike, so unAmerican as this twice-divorced priest of Detroit.

"First, he divorced himself from his church, then he divorced himself from his country."

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The following day, the Editor's Column of *The Tablet* spotted this item in the daily newspapers:

"Quentin Reynolds, war correspondent and magazine writer, and Virginia Peine, Chicago socialite actress, were married yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora. Soon after the ceremony at the Ritz Towers, the couple left for a honeymoon in Sun Valley, Idaho. It was the bride's second marriage, she having been divorced from Edward Lehmann of Chicago."

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When Mr. Reynolds spoke of himself as a "practicing" Catholic, it must have been in a rhetorical sense; much as he must have meant the "divorcement" of the Rev. Father Coughlin. But to other Catholics it certainly looks like "poor practice"!

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A Message to The Loved Ones

WHEN tears, like raindrops, are being multiplied throughout the homes of this and other countries, it is our privilege to tender not only our sympathy but our Christian consolation as expressed in the immortal words of Cardinal Mercier who said:

"I was asked lately by a staff officer whether a soldier falling in a righteous cause – and our cause is such, to demonstration – is not veritably a martyr.

"Well, he is not a martyr in the rigorous theological meaning of the word, inasmuch as he dies in arms, whereas the martyr delivers himself, undefended and unarmed, into the hands of the executioner.

"But if I am asked what I think of the eternal salvation of a brave man who has consciously given his life in defense of his country's honour, and in vindication of violated justice, I shall not hesitate to reply that without any doubt whatever Christ crowns his military valour; and that death, accepted in this Christian spirit, assures the safety of that man's soul.

" 'Greater love than this no man hath,' said Our Saviour, 'than a man lay down his life for his friends.'

"And the soldier who dies to save his brothers, and to defend the hearths and altars of his country, reaches this highest of all degrees of charity. He may not have made a close analysis of the value of his sacrifice; but must we suppose that God requires of the plain soldier in the excitement of battle the methodical precision of the moralist or the theologian? Can we who revere his heroism doubt that his God welcomes him with love?

"Christian mothers, be proud of your sons. Of all griefs, of all our human sorrows, yours is perhaps the most worthy of veneration. I think I behold you in your affliction, but erect, standing at the side of the Mother of Sorrows, at the foot of the Cross. Suffer us to offer you not only our condolence but our congratulation.

"Not all our heroes obtain temporal honours, but for all we expect the immortal crown of the elect. For this is the virtue of a single act of perfect charity: it cancels a whole lifetime of sins. It transforms a sinful man into a saint."

British Banker Blamed War on Dishonest Monetary System